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TIME FOR MORE DECONTROL

GOVERNMENT has agreed to review the Landlord and Tenant Ordinance at the request of the Unofficial members of Legislative Council. This has caused protests though they have been not nearly as vociferous as those which persuaded the Unofficials to petition Government to withdraw a proposed amendment to the ordinance in 1956. Perhaps the strongest argument in favour of limited decontrol, made by Dr S.N. Chau in the budget debate, was that today 60 per cent of all domestic accommodation in the urban area is of postwar construction. And he feels, with justification, that demand for high grade accommodation has been largely satisfied.

The fact that the Unofficials have led the move is significant. In 1953 and 1956 they counselled caution. That they can today sponsor such a request is perhaps indicative that the decontrol they urge would not cause widespread hardship; the people who are being asked to pay more rent are largely those who can afford it. They specifically exclude low-cost housing which was included in the 1956 amendment. The request insofar as domestic premises, is therefore reasonable.

WHAT Government will need to study more carefully is the request for decontrol of business premises. Here the effect would be more severely felt and Government would be wise to consider, instead of full decontrol, proposals similar to those made in the 1956 amendment, i.e. two further increases of 25 per cent which would bring the total increase of the standard rent since 1947 to 200 per cent. In his speech introducing the legislation in 1956, Mr C. B. Burgess, the Colonial Secretary, estimated that the average increase in rent as a result of the amendment would amount to a total of about \$52 a month, that is \$26 for each 25 per cent increase. It is now more than five years since an increase was permitted in prewar rents. This is the longest interval between amendments. Assuming Government still adheres to the principles laid down by the McNeill Committee, the increase should be increased by stages with the aim of complete decontrol as soon as circumstances permit — there is a case now for further amending legislation.

ISRAEL ORDERS MOBILISATION... THEN SYRIA MIDDLE EAST ALARM

Partial Call-Up Without Warning

London, April 1. Israel and Syria broadcast immediate mobilisation orders for key army reserve units tonight. There was no immediate explanation of the drastic moves in a Middle East already at tinderbox temperature over events in Iraq.

Israel moved first, broadcasting orders for three reserve units to report in full strength by 5 p.m. tomorrow. Syria followed approximately an hour later. Damascus radio broke into a religious broadcast to order all active duty troops back from leave and activate five reserve units within 24 hours.

Arab Rift

The partial mobilisation came without warning on the eve of a scheduled Arab League meeting in Beirut to discuss the Arab rift over Iraq. Jerusalem, in Israel, which first alerted the Israeli call-up order at 9 p.m. later stated the move was "for regular army training" and no special significance was to be attached to it.

No major incident involving the always-tense Israeli-Syrian truce line had been reported in recent days. The United Press International Bureau Manager, Elwyn Simon, cabled from Jerusalem, Israel, that the orders appeared to be a test of the reserve system's efficiency.

Far-Reaching

But within two hours Damascus radio had signalled what appeared to be a more far-reaching mobilisation order.

The First Army command, which comprises Syrian forces in the U.A.R. decided. "All military personnel on leave shall return to units immediately upon hearing this proclamation. All reservists assigned to units designated by the following numbers: 40, 30, 25, 750 and 430, shall join their units by tomorrow morning, April 2, 1959, and shall report to their specified locations within 24 hours."

Montebello Still 'Hot'

Melbourne, April 1. The island of Montebello, off the northwest coast of Australia, is still "dangerously radioactive," almost three years after British atomic tests were held there, the Australian radio said here today. The Montebello Island group area is still a forbidden zone, France-Press.

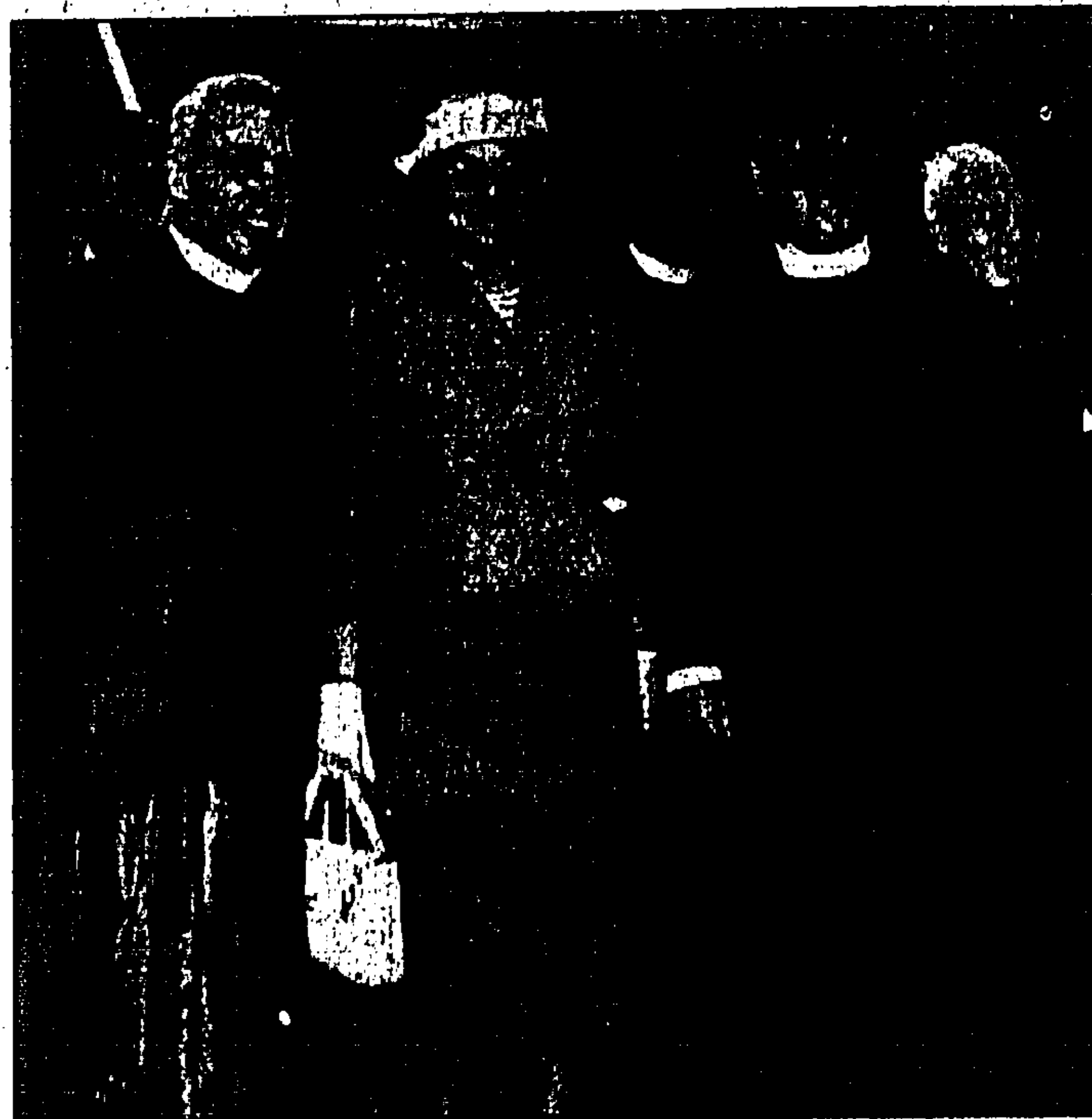
Rivals To Clash

Singapore, April 1. The Chief Minister of Singapore, Mr Lim Yew-hock, and the former Chief Minister, Mr David Marshall, will clash in the island's forthcoming general elections. Both will contest the constituency of Cairn Hill. Mr Lim heads the moderate Singapore People's Alliance, and Mr Marshall the Leftist Workers' Party. — Reuters.

Hamilton Estate

London, April 1. Dennis Hamilton, estranged husband of film actress Diana Dors, who died of a heart complaint last January, aged 38, left all his property, gross value £18,500, net value £8,800 to his father and mother. — Reuters.

ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY HERE



Dr. Geoffrey Fisher, the Archbishop of Canterbury, with his wife and the Bishop of Hongkong, the Rt. Rev. R. D. Hall, at Kai Tak this morning. The Primate on England and his wife will stay here till Monday. Those behind the Archbishop are from left to right, Mr E. B. Teesdale, Mrs F. S. Temple, Dean F. S. Temple, Archdeacon Lee Kau-yan and Col H. Owen-Hughes. — China Mail Photo.

Primate Of England Arrives In Hongkong

Dr Geoffrey Fisher, the Archbishop of Canterbury, arrived at Kai Tak this morning for a four-day visit. It is the first time an Archbishop of Canterbury, who is Primate of all England, has visited the Colony.

MELBOURNE TRIES THE BIG SQUEEZE

Melbourne, April 1. Twenty-five University of Melbourne students squeezed into one telephone box — with a telephone in it — today and claimed a world record. They admitted that 27 United States students recently crowded into one box, but said there was no telephone in that box. The crush in today's effort was so great that no one was able to dial a number. — China Mail Special.

Mystery Bang

London, April 1. An explosion of unknown origin rocked the West Norfolk region today, in an area where the U.S. atomic bomber base of Southwold is located. Several fire brigades were alerted. But a spokesman of the U.S. Air Force in Britain said all was normal at the Southwold base, and that no incident had been reported there. — France-Press.

U.S. Retaliation

Washington, April 1. The United States today clamped an almost complete ban on travel of Soviet officials in this country in retaliation for a similar ban on American Embassy personnel in Russia. — U.P.I.

GLOBAL JET SERVICE FLIGHT U.S. Carriers Will Lose £4.5m Yearly If Boac's Tokyo-Stop Allowed

NWA CLAIM

Washington, April 1. An American airline declared today that the United States Government would be sponsoring a \$4,640,000 a year "giveaway" if it permitted British Overseas Airways Corporation planes to land at Tokyo on a global jet service.

Northwest Airlines, a major United States trans-Pacific operator, told a Civil Aeronautics Board hearing that this was the amount American carriers would lose to Boac.

Even as the hearing was being held in Washington, a Boac turbo-prop Britannia was making an inaugural eastward flight to Tokyo by way of New York, San Francisco and Honolulu.

HK RIGHTS

Officials here said that it would probably be at least a month before the CAB gave its decision in the case. Mr C. L. Stewart, a Vice-President of Northwest Airlines, told the hearing that Britain had repeatedly refused to allow Northwest Airlines entry to

RED TROOPS POUR INTO TIBET

London, April 1. China is airlifting thousands of troops into Tibet, in a big build-up of forces apparently indicating an all-out effort to put down the revolt, according to reports reaching the Indian frontier town of Kalimpong tonight.

Usually reliable sources there said Chinese fighter planes were also patrolling over rebel-held southeast Tibet, trying to locate the fleeing Dalai Lama, Tibet's "God King," as he makes for the border with his family and government.

The sources discounted rumours that the Dalai Lama might have already reached safety in Bhutan State, which is in treaty relations with India, and that Chinese paratroops had been dropped over the mountainous, thickly-forested area to intercept him.

Asylum

Reliable sources said that the Dalai Lama would be granted temporary asylum in Bhutan if he decides to leave Tibet. They said the Communists had meanwhile carried off between 5,000 and 10,000 Tibetans from Lhasa, taking them away by truck apparently to forced labour. Those arrested included all village headmen, the sources said. In Feking, the official New China News Agency reported pro-Chinese meetings had been held in a number of Tibetan towns and quoted the Panchen Lama as having told a meeting on Monday he hoped for the early "liberation from rebel control" of the Dalai Lama.

Pressure

Meanwhile in New York the 23-year-old Dalai Lama's elder brother, Mr Thubten Norbu, 37, told a press conference the Chinese tried to bring pressure on him in 1950 to get the Dalai Lama to suppress the Tibetan way of life.



The Australian Minister of External Affairs, Mr R. G. Casey, being met on his arrival here this morning by Mr Peter English, ADC to the Governor. — China Mail Photo.

Tibet: Tragic And Grievous, Says Casey

The suppression of the Tibetan revolt was further evidence of the lack of consideration by the Chinese Communists for the rights of free people, the Australian Minister for External Affairs, Mr R. G. Casey, said after his arrival in the Colony this morning.

Mr Casey is passing through Hongkong after a nine-day visit to Japan and South Korea. He will leave Kai Tak this afternoon for a 24-hour stay in Singapore. Then he will fly to Melbourne and Wellington, in New Zealand, to lead the Australian delegation to the annual Sento meeting.

Mr Casey said Tibet was the subject of "pretty intensive international discussion by the free world. It is most grievous and tragic, and it came as a dreadful shock. It is further evidence on the Hungarian model," he said.

The Australian Minister said that all Southeast Asian countries would be discussed at the forthcoming Sento conference, with particular reference to Communist subversion efforts in S.E. Asia. He said there was no doubt as to the value of Sento as a deterrent to aggression.

Quiet

The fact that S.E. Asia has been relatively quiet from the military point of view, is an endorsement of its value, he said. In his opinion, Communist China was not a direct threat to S.E. Asia or Australia, but

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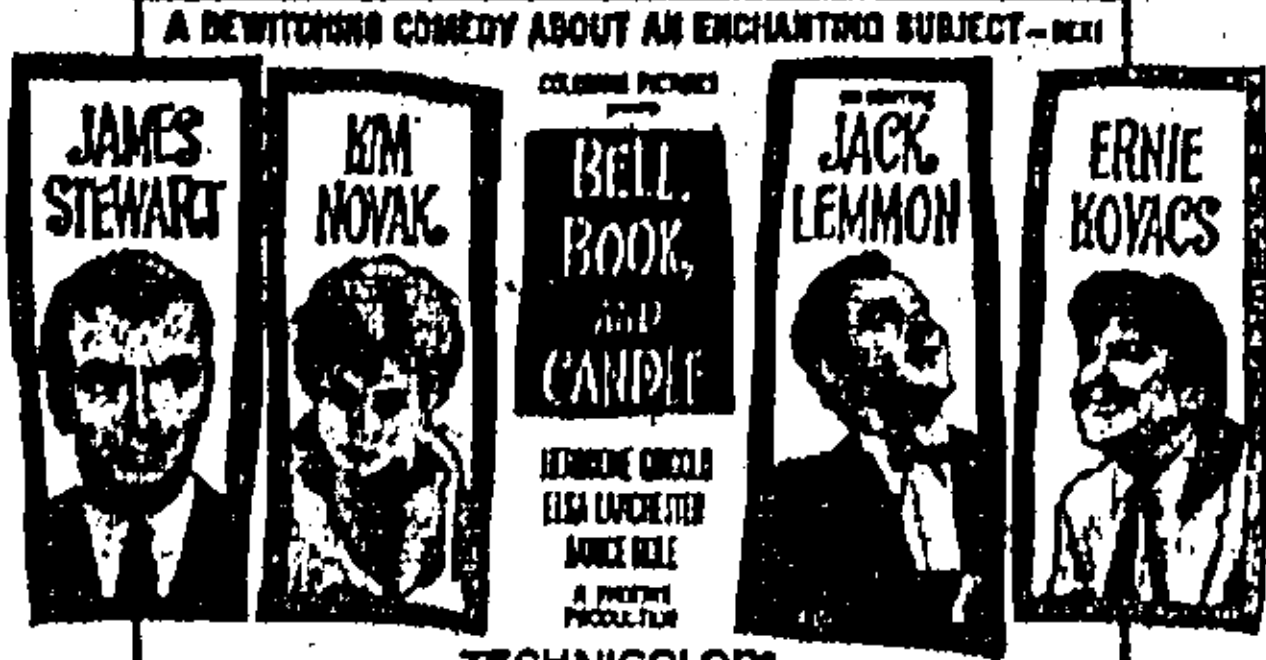
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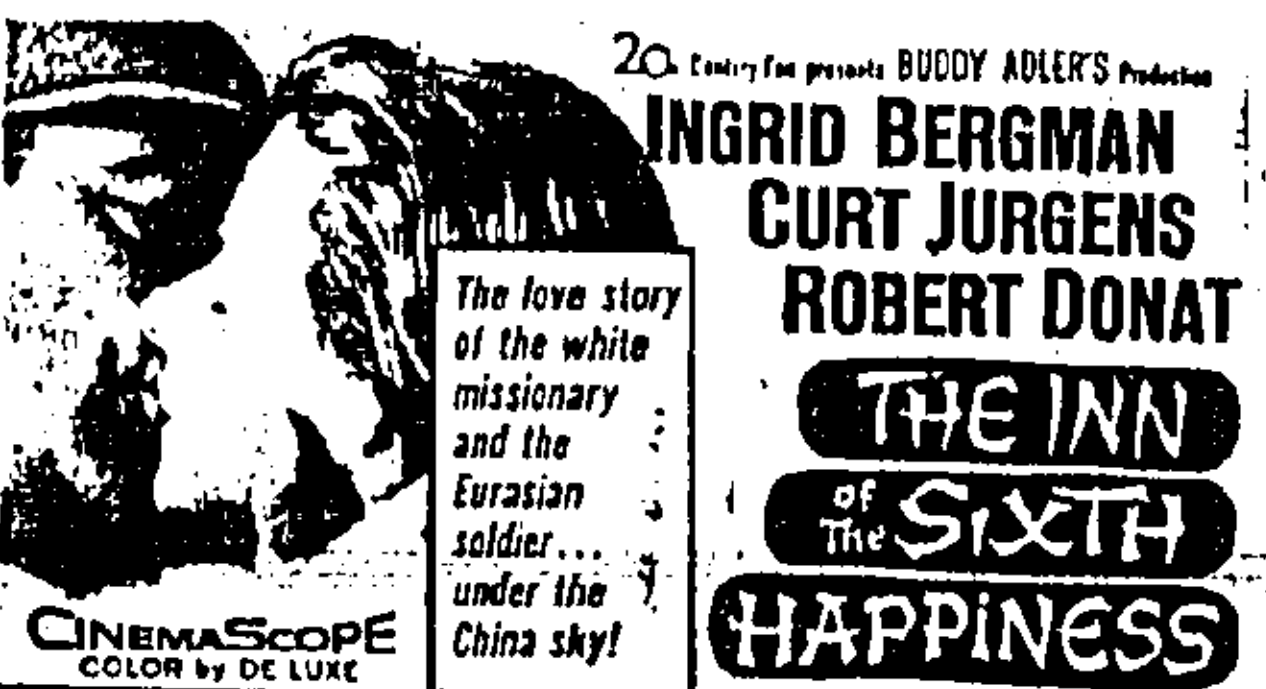
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A Profile

The Schoolmaster Who Became Archbishop

DR GEOFFREY FISHER, Archbishop of Canterbury has been described as "the least political of the Archbishops in this century."

This does not mean, however, that he will be judged the least controversial.

When necessary he has spoken frankly and often this has earned sharp criticism, particularly from the popular press.

Controversy

One of the most recent controversies centred around the decision of the Church of England to invite Archbishop Makarios of Cyprus, who is an Orthodox Church there, to England for the Lambeth Conference, for which Dr. Fisher was severely criticised. The Archbishop countered by saying that the decision was taken on ecclesiastical, not political grounds and it would have been political not to have asked him. Again, he was accused of not taking a strong enough stand on Makarios's associations with the Enosis campaign in Cyprus.

But here is a comment by a leading British journalist, William Clark, who has described Dr. Fisher as "the least political of the Archbishops of this century."

Preparation

"Dr. Fisher does not believe that man's political setting is the most important, or even a very important condition of his real spiritual welfare. His philosophy, wherever it emerges into his speech, which is rare, is unexpectedly transcendental. For him, this world is really only a preparation for the next."

Dr. Fisher has never been a parish priest. But since the age of 27 he has been in various positions of authority. At that young age, just as World War I began, he became headmaster of Repton, one of the best known of Britain's smaller public schools.

He held that post for 16 years and he married a daughter of a Repton master, who was also the grand-daughter of a Repton headmaster.

Breezy

Writing on the Archbishop, Clark said: "Much of the Archbishop's breezy style of speaking, his slightly over-candid manner, comes from this long period of dealing with boys, masters and parents in a never-ending stream. To all of them he was the ultimate authority."

who had to be firm but did not wish to be strict.

"It was very much as a headmaster, too, that Dr. Fisher took one of the bravest decisions in his life, which was publicly in Convention to rebuke the Bishop of Birmingham for his extremely modernistic interpretation of Church dogma.

"Obviously the occasion caused him great pain, but he felt so strongly that the discipline of the Church needed it that he spoke out plainly, honestly, publicly, without any attempt to smooth over the troubles and settle behind the scenes."

Athlete

Before becoming Archbishop of Canterbury in 1945, Dr. Fisher had made a name for himself as administrator in the Bishops of Chester and London.

Dr. Fisher was known as a fine classical scholar at Oxford, and was also a successful athlete and rowed in his college boat and in the University trial eight.

When he was appointed headmaster of Repton — succeeding William Temple, another Archbishop of Canterbury — he was one of the youngest headmasters ever appointed.

The next step in his career was even more unusual, for he was appointed Bishop of Chester in 1932 when he had had no previous experience. It was in this year that he entered the Church Assembly and began to show his powers as chairman and organizer.

Liberal Ideas

He was translated to the See of London in 1939 where he remained for most of the war, when so many of the churches in his diocese were destroyed or made useless by bombing. He himself helped to look after the bombed-out Londoners and once housed 300 homeless people in his residence at Fulham Palace.

His public utterances have shown that Dr. Fisher combines the force of a powerful intellect with a statesman's breadth of vision. He is a man of wide sympathies and liberal ideas who has travelled widely in Europe, the Commonwealth and the United States, and holds honorary degrees from many universities both in Britain and overseas.

He has six sons, one of whom is BBC Television producer. This is his first visit to the Far East and it is the first time an Archbishop of Canterbury has visited Hongkong or Japan, his next stop which he is visiting for the centenary celebrations of the Japanese Anglican Church.

Mr Suslov: One Of K's Biggest Mysteries

London, April 1.
The Kremlin's mysteries are legion.

One of the biggest remains as deep as ever even after a 10-day Western visit by Moscow mystery agent Mikhail Andreievich Suslov, Nikita Khrushchev's top aide in the Party Secretariat.

What does Suslov really do in the Soviet hierarchy? And what was the real reason for his visiting Britain at the height of East-West contacts over Berlin?

Suslov, 55-year-old, tall, confident and not bad-looking, is the man Stalin chose to clean up Lithuania after the Nazi occupation, and to read Yugoslavia's Marshal Tito out of the Cominform in 1948.

Khrushchev gave him the same cleaning up mission in Hungary after the 1956 revolt.

Top-Ranking

He is top-ranking secretary of the Communist Party Central Committee after First Secretary Khrushchev himself, and is generally recognised as chief Soviet expert on managing the East European satellites.

So why did Khrushchev send him to Britain as a private visitor leading a delegation from Russia's rubber-stamp Parliament?

Especially as the guest of an unofficial and unimportant body of little-known British Socialist lawmakers?—U.P.I.

Rocket Plane Has Captive Trial

Edwards Air Force Base, Calif., April 1.

The first United States rocket plane—the X-15, designed to carry man 100 miles or more into space—was swept over California's Mojave desert today suspended from the wing of a B-52 jet bomber.

This was the second captive test flight for the experimental plane.

With test pilot Scott Crossfield in the tiny instrument-packed cockpit, the plane was in the air for an hour and three-quarters, testing its aerodynamic qualities and various instrument and power systems.

Crossfield, who has been preparing for the first powered flight of the X-15 for more than a year, may within a week guide the plane on its first glide test when it will be dropped at a high altitude by a B-52 bomber and allowed to glide into this base without power—Reuter.

"NOT IN CANADA"

Montreal, April 1.
The Montreal Municipal Police Censor, Lieutenant Quintal, today asked women dancers in the African ballet troupe, now attracting audiences here, to put some clothes on for the forthcoming shows.

Quintal said that if these dancers were allowed to appear naked to the waist because they were doing folk dances, it would set a dangerous precedent in Montreal, adding: "If they want to dance like that, let them go back to Africa."—France-Press.

Top Security For Seat Arms Talks

Wellington, N.Z., April 1.
New Zealand's strictest security precautions since the war will be put in force tomorrow when military advisers of the Southeast Asia Treaty Organisation open conferences at Parliament House.

The military experts will meet between tomorrow and Saturday as the prelude to a three-day meeting of Seat's Council of Ministers from next Wednesday.

Although two of the main personalities, Mr Selwyn Lloyd and Mr John Foster Dulles, the British and United States Foreign Secretaries, will not be present, New Zealanders will for the first time be able to see and hear something of other world leaders whose shaping of Seat is considered to have done much to secure territorial integrity in this vital and vulnerable part of the globe.

Discreet Guards

Normally, New Zealand encourages rather than opposes access to Parliament House, but mainly because Seat conferences have in the past been well-guarded and secret, and because member nations expect similar conditions, she has been obliged to conform.

Most of the corridors leading to the 230 parliament rooms to be used by Seat delegations will be shut with discreetly-placed guards on 24-hour duty, and people who ordinarily have a free run of the building will be restricted.—Reuter.

Radioactive Boys Examined

Glasgow, April 1.
Three young "radioactive" Glasgow boys were ordered today to be sent to a radiological protection centre in southern England to make sure they were not seriously affected.

Medical specialists in Glasgow, after examining the well-scrubbed youngsters, believed they had become slightly contaminated when ferreting on Monday among radioactive scrap in a local clock factory.

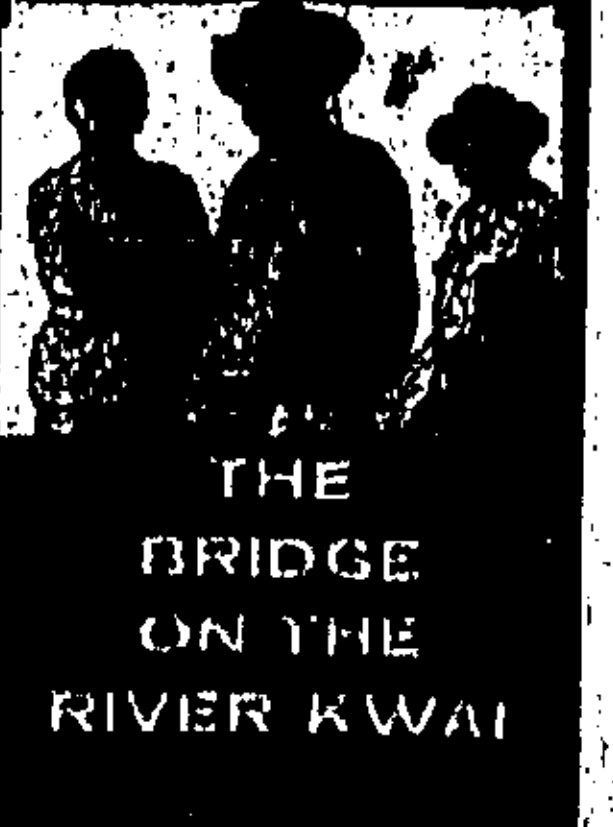
Their shoes and outclothing showed some radioactivity but the Glasgow authorities believed there was no cause for alarm.—Reuter.

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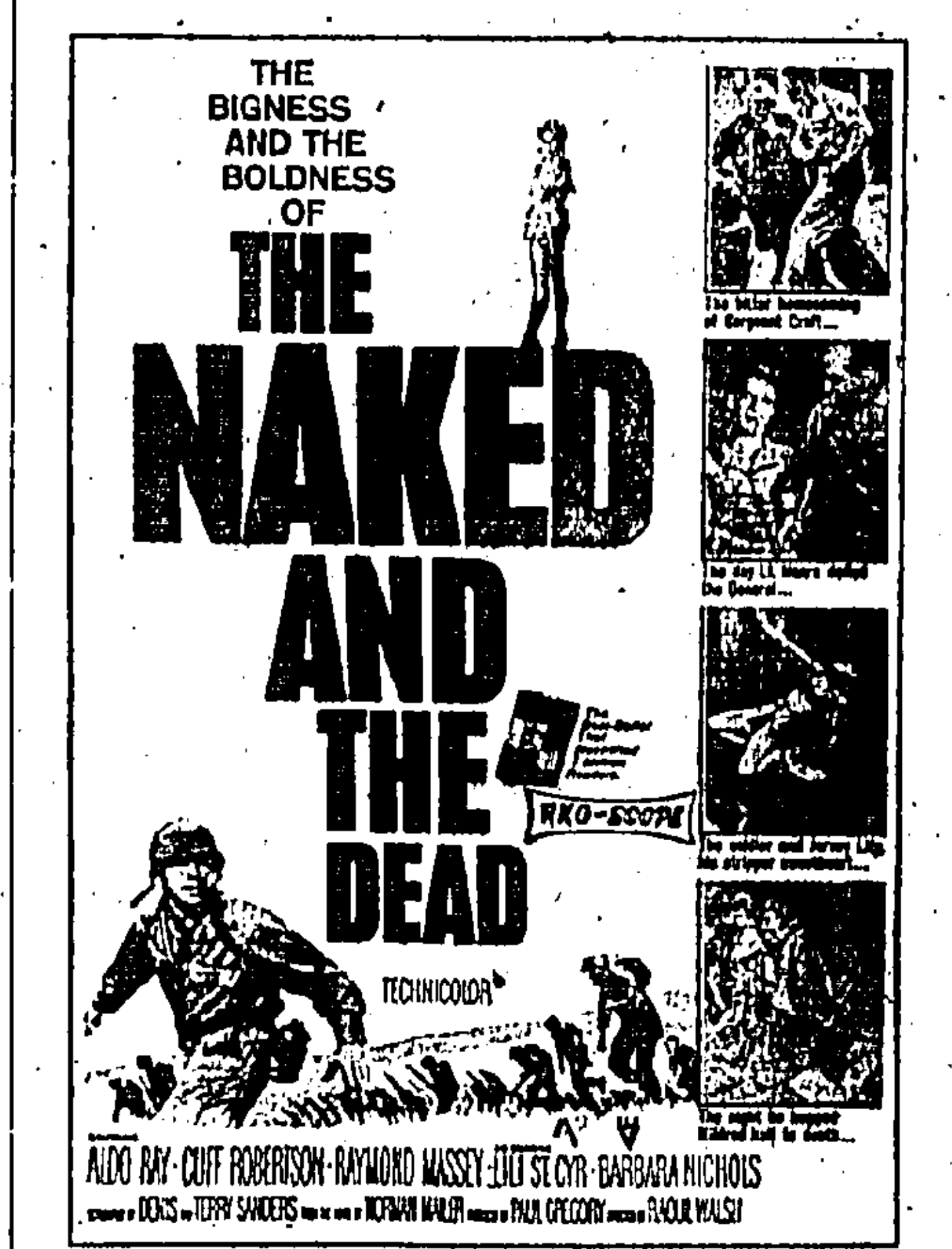
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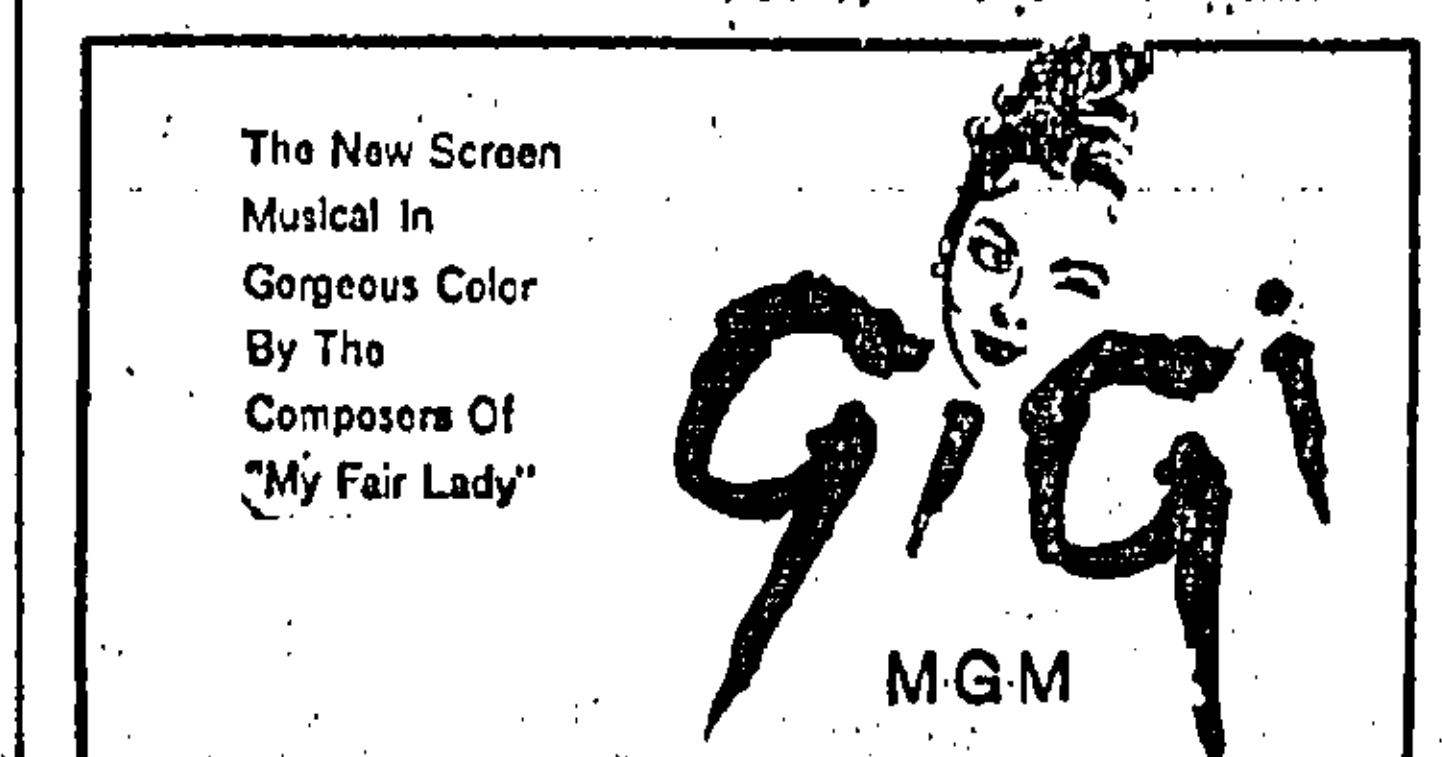
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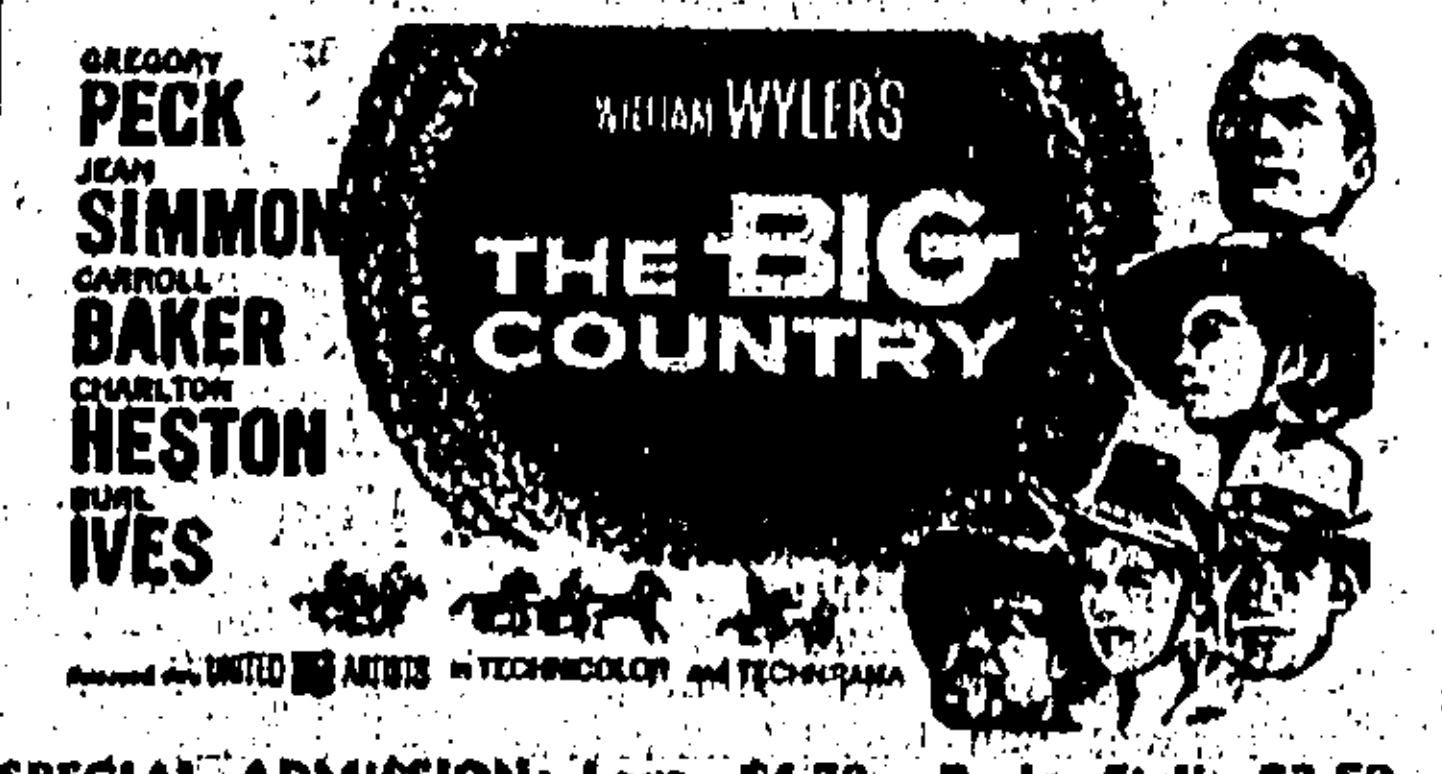
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FIRST "PHOTO" OF ABOMINABLE SNOWMAN SHOWN

British TV Viewers Hoaxed On "Fools' Day"



Here is one of several artists' sketches of the Abominable Snowman made from descriptions. This drawing was made from information supplied by a Russian scientist in the Pamir Mountains, Mr. A. G. Pronin.

London, April 1. One of the biggest hoaxes in the history of British television was practised tonight — April Fool's day — when Independent Television showed millions of viewers the first "photograph" ever secured of the abominable snowman.

The news magazine 'This Week' introduced "Professor Duncan Grant Hetherington" — bearing a remarkable resemblance to popular zany comedian Peter Sellers in disguise — said to be just back from exploring in the Himalayas.

The bearded professor told in a Scottish brogue — with the aid of maps, charts and photographs — how he got closer to the Yeti than any other living European.

He and his party first camped at the foot of the Pyangbich mountain and waited for the moon to clear, he said. Then his carriers, with their "extra perception," became worried and started muttering "Yeti, Yeti" and all fled except one.

Suddenly at the foot of a crevasse, the professor continued, he saw the Yeti crouched in a half-sitting position. Then came the piece de resistance. The professor modestly announced that with a telephoto lens he had been able to get the first close-up picture of the Yeti. A blurred close-up of an ape-like face was flashed on the screen.

Footprint

Next viewers were shown a cast of the Yeti's footprints which, the professor said, was rather remarkable because it showed the creature had toes at both ends of its feet.

The Yeti scattered the party and as it rushed past the professor he managed to grab some of its hair. This he proudly produced for the viewers to see.

The programme ended with the interviewer saying: "That is all for April the first."

"Little Joke"

Meanwhile the telephone switchboard at Independent Television's offices was blocked with callers wanting to make sure the professor was Peter Sellers. About 500 calls were received.

A spokesman for the company simply said: "The official answer is that it is April first. That is all there is to say." Later at his home in North London, Mr. Sellers said: "It was just a little joke in keeping with the occasion." — *Reuter*.

Strong Quake At Reno

Reno, April 1. A strong rolling earthquake which lasted for 15 minutes was felt here today.

Prof. James I. Gimlett, head of the University of Nevada, said the quake probably was centred about 45 miles northwest of here.

He said the main tremble was recorded at 6 on the Richter scale on the university seismograph.

Reno police and Washoe County sheriff's deputies said they received several calls from alarmed citizens but that no damage had been reported.

The Reno fire department, however, was investigating a possible fire in between the earthquake and a house fire reported minutes after the first shock was felt. — *U.P.I.*

"Dogs Welcome" Sign Goes Up On Church Door

Southwell, April 1. A notice stating "dogs welcome" was placed on the main door of the big Anglican church here during the Easter holidays.

The provost of the church, the Reverend H. O. Heywood, explained today that he intended to display the sign whenever he expected a large number of people to visit the church.

European Papers Fool Readers

The Hague, April 1.

European newspapers pulled the legs of their readers today with April Fool "news" of rockets to Venus and talking monkeys.

One paper, the Frankfurt Abendpost, carried 10 such items.

Mock news of the day included: VIENNA: The Neuer Curer said it was in radio touch with the first manned rocket, due to reach Venus by midnight.

The Express published a fake photograph of an American helicopter sighting off the coast of Vienna's St. Charles Church.

MANTUA, ITALY: A picture and caption announcing that a gale had blown down the medieval "cage tower" sent many people to the spot to see for themselves. The tower was half an hour later.

THE HAGUE: De Telegraaf's readers were urged to visit Amsterdam zoo to hear monkeys utter words like "bananas" by means of a "polyester plastic glossator" fitted in their mouths.

Blind Eye

OSLO: One paper announced a tax on air pumped into car tyres.

WARSAW: Polish readers were offered a picture of scantily-clad American chorus girls as a "Soviet revue" enriched with "elements of folk art."

The Polish censors also turned a blind eye to stories of plans for a tunnel under the Baltic, a uranium find in Warsaw suburbs and — most surprising of all — a deadpan parody of Communist jargon.

Isa's proposal for "specialist shops," each selling one line of goods such as green textiles or size 28 shoes.

Another Warsaw joke was a report of an imaginary debate in Washington about the Stars and Stripes, headed "Spectre of Civil War over United States," with a fiery speech by "Senator Rock 'n' Roll."

Mr Fawkes

In London, clerks of Silver City Airways on the look-out for April 1 hoaxers raised their eyebrows when they spotted an entry in the passenger list — G. Fawkes.

Supplions were played when Mr Fawkes reported at Ferryfield at Kent with his car and three passengers to be flown to Le Touquet, France.

He was the Rev. F. G. D. Fawkes, of Compton Rectory, Winchester. — *Reuter* and China Mail Special.



Lunch With Nehru

UNO Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjöld recently visited Kashmir, trouble state in the dispute between India and Pakistan and now policed by UN observers.

En route, he stopped for lunch with Indian premier Pandit Nehru in Delhi.

Picture shows Mr Hammarskjöld and Mr Nehru at the premier's Delhi residence. — *Express Service*.

NEW CYPRUS PARTY BACKED BY EOKA, MAKARIOS?

Nicosia, April 1.

A new Cypriot Greek political party EDMA, believed to have the support of Archbishop Makarios and the Eoka, today made a dramatic appearance in Nicosia.

Leaflets setting out the political aims of EDMA (United Democratic Front of Regeneration) were showered down upon a crowded Nicosia theatre audience, including Archbishop Makarios, spiritual leader of the Cypriot-Greeks, as they were celebrating the fourth anniversary of the founding of the Eoka-terrorist movement.

The leaflets, signed by the "Provisional Executive Committee of EDMA" invited all "those Cypriots, especially the new generation, who want to work for the reconstruction of our country" to join the party.

They declared: "The responsibilities and duties which our newly won freedom imposes upon us is much greater than the rights which this freedom has secured for us."

Aims

EDMA said: "Our links with everything Greek will continue and will be intensified. Greek moral and spiritual values will continue to constitute the leading lights of our life and the basis of our thoughts and actions."

The aims of the new party as set out in the leaflets were:

- Equal enjoyment of "Cypriot civilisation" by all citizens, without discrimination.
- Equal opportunities for all.
- Encouragement of private enterprise.
- Defense of the rights of rural workers, and
- Health welfare and educational facilities for all.

Slogans by the new party were also painted in Nicosia streets. — *France-Press*.

GOP Leader Resigns

Washington, April 1. Mr. Meade Alcorn, chairman of the United States Republican Party, today announced his resignation for personal reasons.

He told a news conference he had personally delivered a letter to the White House, telling President Eisenhower of his decision to return to his law firm. — *Reuter*.

Sukarno To See Surgeon?

Stockholm, April 1.

President Sukarno of Indonesia may consult a Swedish surgeon and undergo a surgical examination during his visit to Scandinavia next month, according to well-informed sources here. — *Reuter*.

Ships Delivered

Singapore, April 1.

Britain today handed over two warships to the tiny Malayan Navy in a ceremony at the Naval Dockyard here.

The ships are 140-ton inshore minesweepers. — *China Mail Special*.

50,000 LEFT HOMELESS IN MADAGASCAR FLOOD HORROR

Tananarive, Madagascar, April 1. France and her African partners mustered a massive emergency aid programme today to speed food, clothing and medicines to typhoon-wrecked Madagascar.

More than 50,000 people have been left homeless by five successive hurricanes and swirling floods that struck the island last week.

Ruptured rail, road and communications lines have made it impossible to establish anything approaching a precise death toll.

But Madagascar Premier Philibert Tsiranana told a Paris newspaper he believed the unofficial estimate of 3,000 dead might be "well below the true figure."

In France, where banner headlines describing the Madagascar disaster stirred national sympathy, thousands of citizens responded to emergency pleas for donations of old clothing and blankets.

Radio Appeals

More than 500 tons of clothing of all sorts — enough to fill 80 cargo planes — were piled up at the old, unused Gare d'Orsay railroad station in Paris last night and this morning.

Donors responding to radio appeals for help continued to drive up to the station during the day to deposit blankets and other supplies.

The French Government also took prompt action by pledging 20 million francs of financial aid to Madagascar and it was believed still more money might be forthcoming later.

Officials in Paris, headquarters for the French Overseas Community of Nations by which Madagascar is a member republic, said the number one problem at the moment is the distribution of emergency supplies in the island.

Roads Cut

All Madagascar roads and rail lines were cut by the torrential rains and floods that dealt a one-two punch follow-up to the five hurricanes.

Crates of food, clothing and medicines were being dropped by parachute to homeless islanders driven to seek refuge from the flood on rafts.

Officials said there was now a dangerous shortage of parachutes and helicopters for use in such emergency operations.

This aroused fears that rescue missions might not be able to get through, warm clothing distributed to homeless families on the island before the Madagascar cold season, sets in a month from now.

It was also feared that epidemics of typhoid, cholera and plague might sweep like wildfire through the island's population in the wake of the floods. — *U.P.I.*

Brandt To Visit London

London, April 1. Herr Willy Brandt, governing Mayor of West Berlin, is expected to arrive here about April 20 on an official visit for talks with Mr. Selwyn Lloyd, the Foreign Secretary, and other British Ministers.

A British Foreign Office spokesman said today that Herr Brandt had been invited by the Government to pay a official visit but details of this had yet to be worked out.

Authoritative sources expected Herr Brandt to arrive in London with his wife about April 20 for a stay of three or four days. — *Reuter*.

Mothers Fight To See Kill Suspect

London, April 1.

Mothers clutching babies and children on holiday struggled outside a London suburban court today to catch a glimpse of a 17-year-old youth charged with the murder of a six-year-old boy.

The youth, Ernest Campbell, arrived, ran into the magistrate's court with his escort from a police car bent almost double to escape being seen by photographers and spectators.

Campbell, a short, slightly-built youth with a shock of tousled brown hair flopping over his spectacles made only a brief first appearance in court to be remanded in custody until Wednesday next week on a charge of murdering young Paul Lewis.

Lewis was found strangled, naked and assaulted yesterday morning in the lavatory of a recreation ground at Twickenham, in Surrey.

His clothes had been neatly piled up beside him.

He was believed to have been killed only an hour before while people played tennis on adjoining courts. — *China Mail Special*.

Run On Malta Bank Halted

Valletta, April 1.

A British spokesman here said today that a run on the Malta Government's Savings Bank inspired by the leader of the Opposition, Mr. Dom Mintoff, had been stopped after five weeks.

"The situation of the bank has fully returned to normal," the spokesman told a Press conference.

Deposits were higher than withdrawals and the volume of business was back to the level of before the run.

The run on the bank started in late February when Mr. Mintoff, a former Prime Minister, issued a directive to his supporters to withdraw all deposits from the bank.

Mr. Mintoff claimed that the £18 million deposits in the bank were worth only £13½ million because of depreciation in gilt-edged securities held by the bank. — *Reuter*.

Mink For Michiko

Ottawa, April 1.

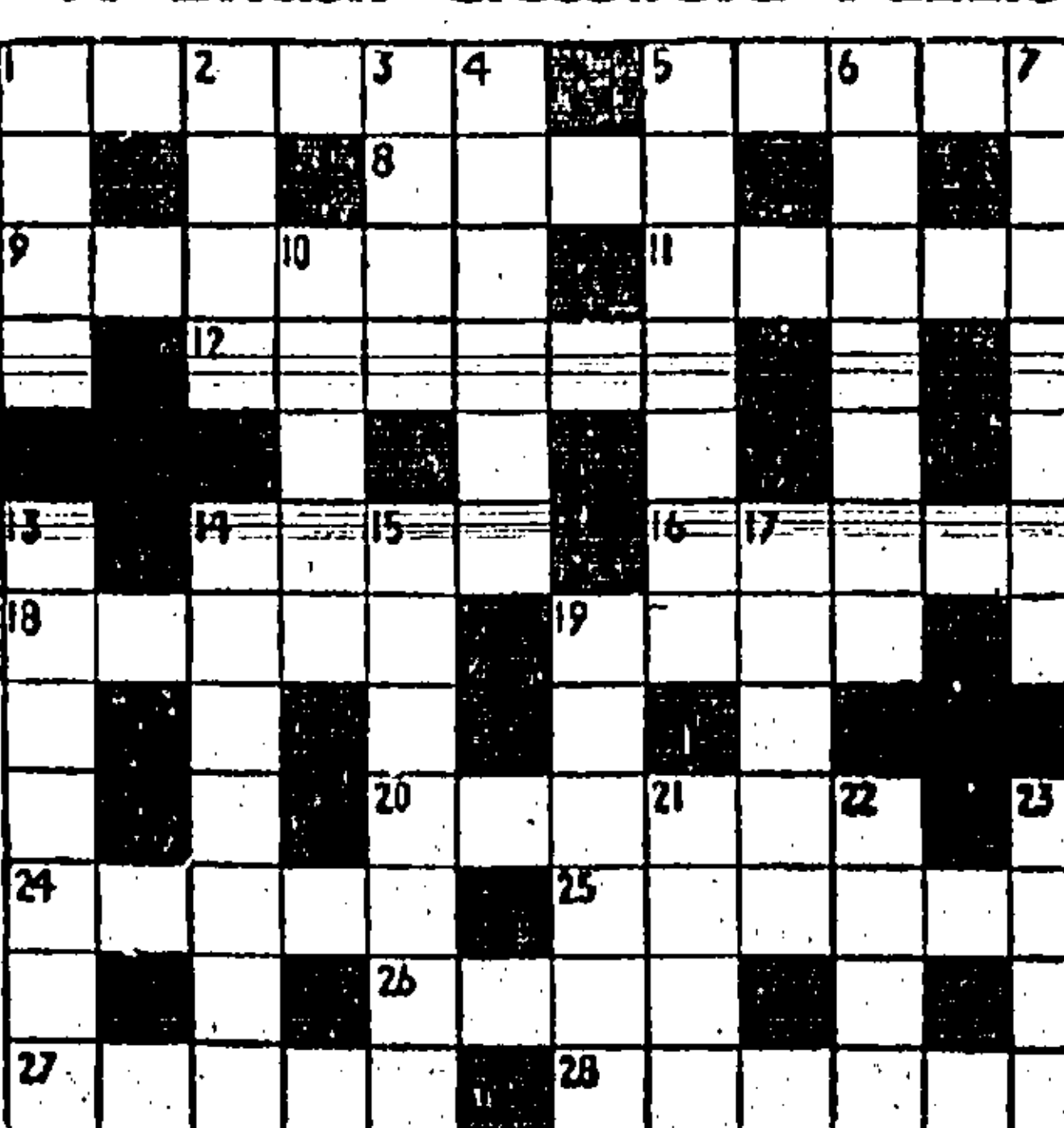
Canada's wedding present to Japan's Crown Prince Akihito and his fiancée Michiko Shoda will be a mink stole.

The stole, of Canadian fur and worth about \$800 will be presented to the pair on their April 10 wedding day by the Canadian Ambassador to Tokyo, Mr. W. F. Bull.

An announcement from the Prime Minister, Mr. Diefenbaker's office covering the gift said:

"The Government of Canada has sent a wild mink stole to the Canadian Embassy in Tokyo for presentation as a gift on the occasion of the wedding of His Imperial Highness, the Crown Prince of Japan." — *U.P.I.*

A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS
- Gun tower (6).
 - Slow mover — (5).
 - but this isn't (6).
 - Tree in London (6).
 - May put you out (5).
 - Head place of worship (6).
 - High lake (4).
 - Come later (5).
 - She could give us a lead (5).
 - Vehicle (4).
 - Capital composer (6).
 - Camera accessory (5).
 - First-class clique taking a stroll (6).
 - Liablo to blow its top (4).
 - Use clippers (5).
 - Do judges find it burdensome? (6).
- DOWN
- Super playthings? (4).
 - Transported (4).
 - Made into cheese (4).
 - Fish (6).
 - More inclined (7).
 - The doctrine of the disbeliever (7).
 - Not really an unsteady dog (7).
 - And above board? (5).
 - They love being cruel (7).
 - Got up after tea in the garden (7).
 - Hiker, also in the garden, maybe (7).
 - It's opposite to the zenith (5).
 - Bully (6).
 - Don't believe him (4).
 - Decree of sorts (4).
 - Rarin' to go (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD: Across: 1 Lists, 4 United (united), 8 How-ah, 10 Whips, 12 Bar-ne(k), 14 Riposte, 17 Slow, 19 Lantern, 20 Kestrel, 22 Ed-i.e. 23 Signals, 27 Dressed, 30 Dressed, 31 Ties, 32 Swede, Down: 1 Lemon, 2 Sow up, 3 Swabs, 5 N-E-W-S, 6 Teicle, 7 Dismay, 9 Hallow, 11 Hasten, 13 Realise, 15 Iced, 16 Ottara, 18 Oral, 20 Keeper, 21 Sides, 24 Gyves, 25 Addis, 26 Sedge, 28 Sels.

Playboy Maxie Really Started Something...

GEORGE WHITING

London.

WHERE will Britain's American tourists go this Summer? To Stratford-on-Avon, to Windsor Castle, to Piccadilly-by-night. . . and, believe it or not, to the shop round the corner in the Walworth Road.

True, it's been perched up a sent me a note from Wandsworth Prison, ordering a white shirt and a black tie for his own execution.

Let loose

But, for the transatlantic tourist, dewy-eyed and dollari-rampant, it is still the "quaint little store" they can rave about when they get back home to Las Vegas, Los Angeles, and Little Rock.

They trickle determinedly along in their taxis, and they let loose both imagination and money over English woolsens, handmade Argyll socks of tartan splendour, silk shirts, blazers and crested ties that give Frank and Elmer the kind of escutcheon calculated to knock 'em for a loop in Louisiana.

Another line in "heraldic" shields is sure-fire from Seattle to Syracuse.

Why Walworth? Peter Dale, Nat's son and present proprietor, waves a reminiscent hand and tells how things have changed since, 30 years ago, three race-course thugs walked in and swiped the knitwear with razors at the ready and since Young Nipper Wood, noted Bermudian pug, used to demonstrate the toughness of his pickled knuckles by driving them through the shop's wooden door panels at two shillings a punch.

The names

"Sport started this business, and it is sport that fetches the Americans, bless them," says Dale.

"Jim Driscoll, Tommy Burns, Pedlar Palmer, Steve Donoghue, Jimmy Wilde, Alex James, Fred Hurton (in a Rolls-Royce), Jack Dempsey. . . they all used to wander in."

"Remember Del Fontaine, the boxer who was hunted for money?" He was a customer here. Two days before the end, he



"When he asked for a brown woollen cardigan, a khaki shirt, raspberry-tinted knickerbockers and brown high boots, I was sure he was Grivas."

London Express Service

"I suppose you could say it was that crazy American heavy-weight, Max-Baer, who really started us in the 'export' trade—when he came to Britain to fight Tommy Fier in 1937."

"His bodyguard, a real tough egg named Jerry Crane, came in and bought a whole stock of shirts and size seven-and-seven-eighths hats for the boss (Baer had 120 shirts before he left), and asked me if I knew where they could set up a training camp. . . some place where you Britishers can see a real champ in action."

"I took them out to Chislehurst, but Baer yelled blue-murder when he saw a cemetery next door. Windsor they described as a morgue. But I eventually introduced them to the Ace of Spades, on the Kingston by-pass. They kicked the office door open, scared the wits out of the manager, and eventually took the whole place over, lock, stock, and barrel for a month."

Shirt hunt

"Baer, as you know, lost his fight with Fier but he never stopped telling America about the friends he made here, including us."

Well, playboy Maxie certainly started something. Since three expansive, pre-war, pre-television days, the shop in the Walworth Road has turned on the side-wind welcome for literally hundreds of Americans hell-bent for homespun.

Big shots? By the dozen. One afternoon, a millionaire with a science degree, his own airplane, a yacht, four Cadillacs, and a factory in Cuba, dropped in for some blazer badges to ensure not being improperly dressed for a big-game safari in Africa.

Before he left the shop, he insisted Dale spend a month with him at his New Jersey home, all expenses paid. And Dale, hot-foot from haberdashery in S.E.17, found himself being violently sick on a shark-fishing expedition some 60 miles off-shore from America's eastern seaboard.

Then there was Fred, the ex-mayor of Fillmore, California. Fred, a star magnate who collects tropical birds, began his Walworth Road pilgrimage with a modest demand for a silk raincoat.

Next time he brought 16 all-gusher pins on a wholesale shirt-hunt, and finished up making a firm but abortive offer for all the parrots in the London Zoo.

Any complaints? Dale admits to a small one. Frank and Elmer, he says, are always in too much of a hurry until they hear that their particular family crest is so enmeshed in the mists of history that only time and loving care can ensure its perfect reproduction in gent's natty wear for Nebraska and New York.

After all, a craftsman has his pride—especially in the Walworth Road.

—London Express Service.

NO LOVE FOR JOHNNIE

'Here's why you will always be a failure...'

by WILFRED FIENBURGH

HE always enjoyed walking up and down the terrace in the summer time when the tables were full. He liked to think that the guests sitting with Members were asking his name.

At the far end of the terrace Old Fred Andrews was leaning against the stone balustrade watching the tide. Old Fred was popular, experienced, too old for office, but wise in the ways of the Labour Movement. Byrnes stopped beside him and together they watched the river.

"Well, young man," said Andrews. "Seen the Evening Standard?"

He pulled a folded copy from his jacket pocket.

There was a bold headline on the front page. "Labour Rebels Meet" Byrnes was surprised but not displeased. This would be Renfrew at work, stirring things up, making things move just a little faster. He read on:

"First signs of a split in the Labour Party showed today with the formation of a 'ginger group' led by John Byrnes, MP for Marshfield."

"Its purpose, as explained by a spokesman, will be to keep an eye on the new administration. Members of the group feel that in distributing offices the Prime Minister has favoured the right wing of the party and the intellectuals at the expense of the left wing and the trade unions."

"John Byrnes, 42-year-old leader of the group, was expected to be offered, at least ministerial rank. . . . Byrnes declined the newspaper and handed it back to Andrews. "Do you believe all that?" he asked.

Andrews stuffed the newspaper into his pocket.

"You tell me. How much is true?"

"Not much. We had a meeting this afternoon. Not many of us, just Maxwell, Renfrew, Charlie Young and Jeffrey—but he left. We're not very important."

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★ This is Chapter Five of the novel by the late WILFRED FIENBURGH, MP. The story so far: His political career blasted, his domestic life in ruins, John Byrnes, Labour MP for Marshfield, was floundering. He had been passed over for office in the new Socialist Government. His wife had left him. He had failed to win Mary, the neighbour in the upstairs flat at Swire College. In an attempt to make a political comeback, he allowed himself to be nominated chairman of a small group of dissident MPs, men with a grievance, out to harass the new Government. Later, Byrnes walked on the terrace at Westminster . . .

pants, bulging jacket, heels worn down. Fool, thought Johnnie. Sentimental old fool. . . . That's not even Byrnes. Johnnie Byrnes was lonely. Mary took him to a party at Belair Park, a party of youngsters in slacks, of jazz on a record player, of beer and sausages. Johnnie felt out of place and lost until he found himself talking to a dark-haired girl, neatly dressed, sitting sedately in a corner.

Her name was Pauline West, she told him. She was a photographer, not even engaged. They left the party together. He told her to come to the House some time. "Just send in a green card from the Central Lobby."

The green card arrived two days later at about six o'clock. Byrnes was sitting in the Chamber.

The handwriting was clear and rounded. Name of visitor, Pauline West, address, 8, Stanhope Street, Kensington. Purpose of visit—by invitation.

He stuffed the card into his pocket and walked quickly to the Central Lobby.

Relaxed

She was not standing about anxiously as most visitors did, but she sat relaxed and at ease on one of the dark green overstuffed benches, looking cool.

"I hope you haven't been waiting long." They shook hands gravely and the stood.

A neat, pleasant young man stood beside her. Byrnes felt a pang of shock and dismay.

They were together, Pauline and the young man. Dismay gave way to anger and embarrassment. Feeling like an elderly uncle he led them downstairs to the terrace for a drink.

You were a fool, he thought, an old, old fool. He gave them dinner and a bottle of wine, fitting himself into the avuncular role. Then he left them in the gallery to listen to the debate and went straight home, not even going to sit in the Chamber so that they could see him from the gallery.

For an hour the next morning he drifted aimlessly about the flat. Through the deep misery which hung heavily in every room he carried the image of Pauline.

Waiting

The next move was hers, if there was to be a next move. But where and how? And suppose she did not make a move? As he walked down the road he had no idea what he proposed to do. He called a taxi and gave Pauline's address.

The taxi crawled along Stanhope Street and curved in towards the kerb at number eight. He leaned forward and rapped on the glass partition.

"Drop me at the end. Not here."

He waited until the taxi had disappeared, then walked back hastily along the side of the road opposite Pauline's house.

Eight—this was Pauline's door. He rested a foot against the low wall of the house opposite, and busied himself with a shoe-lace that was already tied.



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Perhaps Pauline was there, but there was no way of finding out. He had to walk on, back towards the main road.

If Pauline were at home she might soon be making her way towards wherever she worked. There was a chance, just a chance, that her day had not yet started. She would make towards the bus-stop or the tube station.

Humiliated

He bought an early edition of the Evening Standard from the stand near the Underground, and looked for 'somewhere to wait. A little way down the tube station to the left was a coffee-bar.

He settled down with a coffee, put the Evening Standard on the table before him, and waited. Twice he stood up to leave, thinking suddenly that he had been there too long.

The whole business turned stale and bitter, and, crawling with humiliation, he left sixpence under his saucer, folded his newspaper, and walked out into the crowd.

He saw her step down from an island in the middle of the road. She was wearing a blue dress spotted with white circles, a white handbag under her arm. She reached the pavement and walked towards him.

He tried to adjust his expression to a smile but the muscles in his face were too stiff to respond. If he forced them he would achieve a maniac grin. She had seen him. She stood before him.

"Surprise!" she said. She looked at him with a flicker of a smile.

"You wrote your address on the card yesterday," he confessed. "I came here hoping to see you."

"I saw you from the window." He knew that the day would be a good day, that there would be no fumbings and false starts and tensions between them.

Not until the late afternoon did they start to talk. On a whim they took a river steamer to Greenwich. They sat on a bench in Greenwich Park.

Quickly he said, "This conversation of ours has gone on a long time."

"I don't mean the conversation with words—but the conversation that has been making silently all day. Do you think it has gone on too long?"

She answered, "No. It has not gone on too long."

Then his hand moved, touched the back of her hand. Her hand clasped his fingers strongly, firmly, warmly.

"Johnnie," Pauline said, "I want to turn my head to look at you. But I can't. I can't. Whatever there may be afterwards, there'll be nothing. There'll be no . . . no sensation . . . like this. Like this holding hands the first time."

Her clear profile was pale. He studied it, his arched eyebrows, the firm, rounded lips, the soft cheeks and the long sweep of the lashes. She closed her eyes.

"I did so want to meet you again—I'm ashamed. I bullied that poor boy into taking me to the House."

Happiness

She jumped up, so quickly that he was startled. Then she turned and kissed him lightly on the cheek.

"Confessions all over now," she laughed and ran, leaping and bounding down the grassy slope to the road. Byrnes ran after her and caught her.

They went back to London on a bus, hand in hand. She left him at his door at number eight and Byrnes went back to his flat. There was a tumultuous happiness inside him as he fell asleep.

TOMORROW:

Trouble for the Prime Minister

★ DON IDDON'S DIARY ★

AS A PRESTON LAD I HATE TO ADMIT IT...

En route to Sea Island, Georgia.

ATTENTION, Speedy Preston. I have driven 600 miles in the past day and a half heading south for Georgia and, perhaps, Florida.

Every mile of the way so far has been on smooth-surfaced highway, parkway or turnpike—all the roads with a centre division and some with four lanes each way.

But if Britain wants to

know anything about

motorways this is the

place to learn

The Jersey Turnpike is over ten-years old and has endured heat of 110 degrees in the sun, and cold of ten below zero.

It has been flooded by snow, pelted with rain, baked by blistering heat. There are no cracks or holes on its surface, its shoulders are firm, its life-span many more decades, with proper attention.

Too straight

It is regarded here as obsolete in design because it is dead straight, can put drivers to sleep by its monotony, and lacks the safety and beauty of the Pennsylvania Turnpike or the New York Thruway.

But there are no cross sections or traffic lights throughout its 110 miles from George Washington Bridge, New York, to the Delaware Bridge.

Recently, I, a Preston lad, was in proud Preston and had a look at the Preston Motorway. I had a look, then I turned away. The next time we embark upon ambitious road building, let's take a look at the highways in the U.S.

Mind you, if we are going to build roads on even a hundredth of the scale of the

American turnpikes we are going to have to spend many millions of pounds.

By chance there was a strike of toll collectors on the turnpike when I sold the Cadillac from U.S. Route One into the Penn.

A group of men waving placards "Don't ride the turnpike—decent wage for everyone" tried to block the stream of cars and lorries, but we ignored them. Then instead of getting a ticket at the first toll booth, which is surrendered at exit points, a crudely chalked sign said "Bargain rates. 25 cents cars, 50 cents trucks."

These were bargain rates. Usually I pay one dollar. 70 cents (12s.) for the run of the turnpike, and the minimum is 16 cents for a few miles, but the strikers had tried to close one of America's great roads and the turnpike authority, accepting the huge loss of \$50,000 a day—yes, a day—kept the cars moving.

Anyway, it was a good rate start to the journey south in perfect spring weather.

There is, of course, no road remotely comparable to this in the Soviet Union or in the United Kingdom. Mikoyan travelled this way, and later, when he was asked what had most

impressed him about America, he said: "The roads."

The only way to see the country properly is by car, and I am enjoying this journey after all the flying recently. And this way you get the true impression of America's size and power.

In ignorance

I have slipped through New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, skirted the Carolinas, and had a brief stop-over in Washington. Outside the capital there is much less war talk. Gas station attendants, waitresses, bartenders, policemen, State patrolmen don't expect war. They are not shouting threats, like some generals and politicians. The mood of the country this perfect spring is mild but intriguing.

The ignorance about Russia is almost as great as the ignorance in Russia about the United States and England.

I was talking to one garage owner about traffic in Moscow and how the pedestrians ignored the traffic lights, and the

road traffic lights in the Soviet Union. And when I told him they had traffic lights, television sets, washing machines, electric toasters, but only in

small quantities compared to the American volume, I could see he did not believe me.

I am finding it extraordinarily difficult to ready myself for the arm finding both American and British officials either sceptical or hostile towards my description of life in the U.S.S.R., March 1959.

'It's absurd'

At a party—the other night, Kate Graham, Deputy Consul-General in New York, a brilliant career woman with distinguished service behind her—went white with anger when I said, "There are quite a few things we could copy from them."

"It's absurd that their stations and undergrounds should be better than ours and that they are going ahead in all sorts of ways."

Miss Graham obviously didn't like my enthusiasm for the Russian people. She seemed to imagine I was being disloyal to Britain for reporting some of the better characteristics of the Russians.

Two nights later, at another party, given by the pianist Moura Lympany, she looked straight through me. Miss Graham has, of course, never been to Russia.

Other officials have shied away from my reports. They seem incapable of being objective, or of even making an attempt to help resolve the differences between the West and the Soviets.

This is a pity. We pay our public servants, particularly our diplomatic, consular and information service officials, large tax-free salaries, big rent allowances, and expense accounts to represent us.

Moura, who has been to Russia and was feted there as a great artist, agreed with my report—so it was two against the rest.

In Washington I found the ignorance almost as deep and disturbing. My friend General Joseph Bailey found it hard to accept the fact that the Rus-

sians have ice-cream, 37 varieties. Incidentally, the general told me that Mr John Foster Dulles has lost 17lb. in weight during the past two weeks, not 7lb. as reported.

A State Department official could not accept my description of the beauty of the Kremlin until Anthony Barber, the Prime Minister's Parliamentary Private Secretary, told me that the Kremlin's splendour is absolutely right."

I am rather glad to be on the open road after the brief stay in the capital. Hotel life is being ruined there and in many American cities by the mass conventions of business men.

At my hotel, once gracious and delightful, the National Rifle Convention was being held. Hundreds of men, some of them in lumber jackets, many of them without ties, milled in the lobbies under the chandeliers and swarmed into the restaurant.

There was a group of uncomfortable Red Indians, awkward in their city clothes. Then, as in many so-called luxury hotels here, the lifts are self-operated.

'Do not panic'

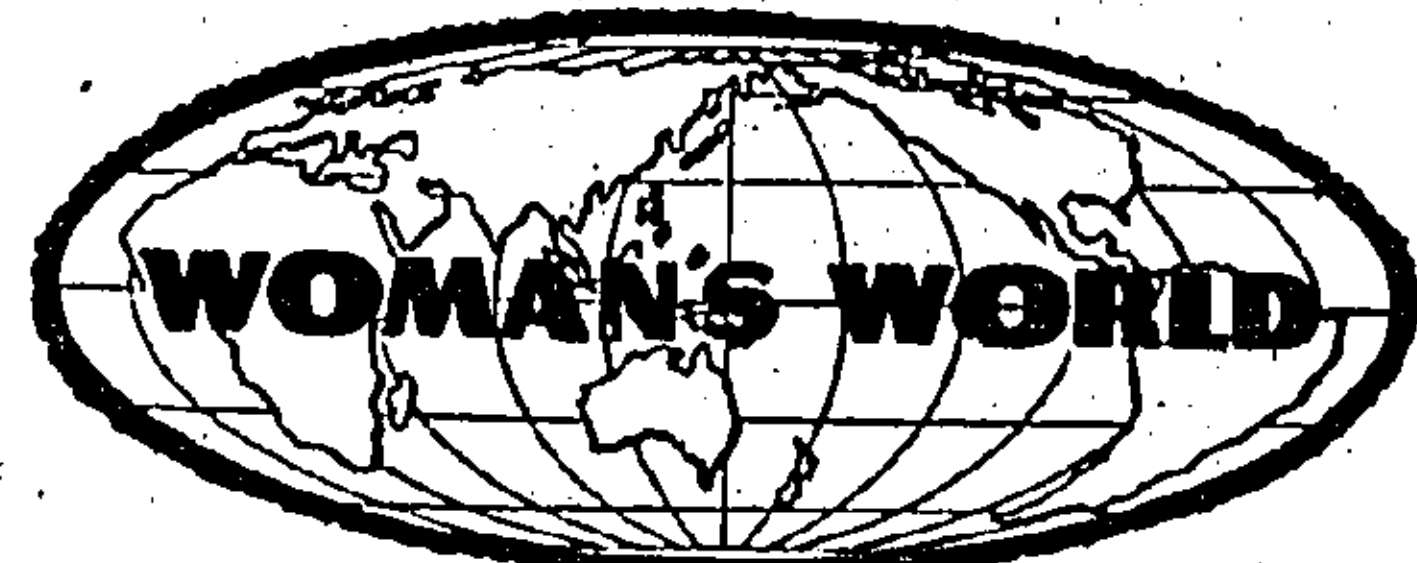
An old woman, an elderly man, and myself, got stuck between the fifth and sixth floors. The elevator car was jammed. We read the emergency instructions: "Press the red button. Do not panic."

We pressed the red button, and we did not panic, although the old woman whimpered a bit and I could feel the sweat on my forehead. Altogether, we were stuck for eight minutes, and the claustrophobia was growing.

It is absurd that hotels charging 25 and 40 a day for a routine room should have fixed their lift operators and installed lifts which the passenger himself has to operate.

It is particularly unfortunate for old people and children.

GIRARD-PERREGAUX
Fine Watches since 1791



Joy Matthews Gives London Shopping News

There is a boom in bath-rooms. This week I have seen the prettiest towels yet—born in Britain too.

They are a trellis design of tiny rosebuds on huge stripes of lemon yellow, blue, or pink on white. My choice is the lemon yellow with pink rosebuds and green leaves.

But the big bathroom news is that the Marquis of Queensberry—a professor of ceramics at the Royal College of Art—has designed the snuggest bathroom suite ever. It con-

sists of a bath, a basin, and a lavatory, all streamlined and sculptured.

Pretty, pricey pens made especially for women. Slender and shimmering in white and gold enamel, silver, and rhinestones. What more can you ask?

Idea for a bridesmaid, a bride—or a girl with the key of the door. There is a fabric purse case to put the pen in and a matching pouch to hold the five cartridges.

—London Express Service.

YOUR BIRTHDAY ... By STELLA

THURSDAY, APRIL 2

BORN today you are a tremendous individual. You are ambitious and make careful plans, and then you follow through, diligently and efficiently. There may be a series of minor setbacks, early in your life, but you can overcome these difficulties and force ahead toward wider horizons and larger goals.

You have a gift for the written as well as the spoken word. You

have a quick wit, which sometimes work to others. There is little you enjoy more than a battle of wits with someone who can give you a good fight. You have a wide fund of knowledge and a memory that retains information for future use. You have a sense of the dramatic and find the drama in the lives of all about you. You are a good person to have enlisted in any "cause" for you know how to promote it and can even popularize something which at first is not popular.

Since you are basically an executive, you often leave detail work to others. Unless you subdivide with the greatest of skill, you may find that jobs you have delegated are not done as well as you had hoped—and you have to end up by doing them yourself. Guard against a waste of time and energy in this regard.

JACOBY on BRIDGE

WALTER Maloway of New York writes: "My three-spade bid was based on an old allergy of mine. I am allergic to being shut out."

"Boris Koychuk, my partner, had opened one club only since he knew the bidding would not die there. Naturally he was interested in seven, and his four-no-trump bid was made with the intention of bidding the grand slam if I showed up with an ace."

"East's double of six spades was a perfect example of the Lightner slam double, convention which calls for an unusual lead. He was void of clubs and since Boris had opened one club a lead of that suit would be the most unusual lead at West's disposal."

"West knew that his partner was asking for a club lead but West was too smart for that. He

NORTH (D) 20	
AKQ7	20
None	
AKJ8764	
WEST	
543	
107	
QJ975	
Q32	
EAST	
AQJ9854	
A10832	
None	
SOUTH	
J10980	
KQ32	
K4	
102	
Both vulnerable	
North East South West	
1 3 3 3	
4 NT Pass 5 Pass	
6 6 Double Pass Pass	
Opening lead—♥10	

only held three clubs. How could East be void? He only held two hearts. How could North be void of that suit?

"West decided that his partner was just doubling on general strength and opened the ten of hearts. Naturally enough, I had no trouble making all the tricks."

Walter fails to point out that North could not have been beaten if he had been declarer at six spades but he is very charitable about West. East and West were supposedly good players and were playing the slam double convention. West should have trusted his partner."

♥CARD SCIENCE♥

Q—The bidding has been: South West North East 1 2 2 NT Pass. You, South, hold: ♠AQJ85 ♥K32 ♦K54 ♣J54. What do you do?

A—Bid three no-trump. You have a good five-card spade suit but your hand is of such nature that you should make just as many tricks at no-trump as at spades.

TODAY'S QUESTION

Again your partner has responded two no-trump to your opening spade bid. This time you hold: ♠865 ♥32 ♦K5 ♣KJ56. What do you do?

Answer: Three no-trump.

WOMANSENSE

WOMEN OF CHINA

SEE my picture of the woman policeman. That is not the exception among Chinese women of today, but typical. Most women work. Because they have to, of course. Because the country has told them their labour in the gigantic reconstruction that is taking place is essential.

But how did China get her women to give up all pleasures, all thought of entertainment, dancing, fashions and all their desire for individual taste and beauty?

It is not true to say that they have lost all their charm. They still win many friends and much sympathy through an astounding freshness, intelligence and vitality, and even more by a nearly sportsmanlike comradeship to everybody.

Only, looking at them, you cannot think of the usual compliments given to women, but rather you feel challenged by their physical capacities and all sorts of working ambitions. The main feature I could find in common with all Chinese women of China is their boundless, rather proud ambition to raise the standard of their country.

National Ambition

This ambition, you may be surprised to hear, is not at all confined to personal prestige or advantage. It is clearly national and political in every respect.

From this point of view you may feel that having given up most of their more feminine aims and activities, they no longer possess a womanlike appearance, but rather aim at filling all posts given them as fit as any man could do it, which, in turn, gives them an ever increasing political power and influence.

The circle goes on: aware of their progress and prestige, they strengthen their effort, take pride in carrying out the hardest work, abolish their last traces of weakness and femininity and again gain prestige. I met more women in responsible jobs than men, and

On The Way Out

BLACK stockings—possibly the least elegant of all fashions in recent years—are happily on the way out.

But in circles where cutting a dash counts for much—and frequently from these circles come fashion leads—a new, even more startling, gimmick is making headway.

The girls of the plush set are beginning to wear white stockings with handpainted patterns.

For the moment, anyway, the designs are relatively harmless—flowers, butterflies and the like. But the avant garde feel that these are too tame.

Let's pray that this whole silly idea dies a rapid, silent death.



The Policewoman

often I was far more dependent on the favour of a woman to get what I wanted than I had been during the rest of my 15 months' journey.

Staying two months in China, passing through all the big cities, I never came across a girl or a woman showing any care or vanity in her clothes or hair styles.

Like Blue Soldiers

One might say, without exaggeration, they look like blue soldiers, and they seem even trained like them.

What would you imagine a modern Chinese woman possessed for her everyday needs?

I asked some hundreds of them, checking them in all different jobs and positions. Yet, the answer was always the same: Two blue suits, at the price of about 14 yuan each (HK\$35), for the summer, one pair of shoes, a handbag for every occasion, and perhaps an

umbrella for the rainy season.

For the winter a thick suit, lined with fur or cotton padding, all this together for 40 yuan (HK\$100).

But what do they wear on Sunday, at the theatre, at meetings at parties? The answer: Without make-up. Most of the women even refuse to have their hair curled. It is true to say they refuse, because I asked a lot who could have offered a hairdresser.

A young teacher told me with a really encouraging and well-meaning smile:

"Can you give me any reason why I should dress up for my working hours? Isn't it only 'unpractical'? Besides, we have two occasions a year, when we can wear our best: May Day and National Festival in October." Thus, it is plain, that very little money is spent on personal luxuries, even the most modest ones.

In consequence, industry producing these things more or less exists only for export. Beautiful brocades, shawls, embroideries are scarcely worn by the Chinese themselves. They design them, make them with much skill and then see them bought by foreigners only.

Does this embitter them? Do they envy us?

To my greatest bewilderment I had to learn, that the modern Chinese women consider our indulgence in make-up and fashions as utter backwardness.

It is obvious that education is designed to achieve this effect: At a lower middle school I saw girls of 15 and 16 construct a complete radio, in every steel factory, in every sort of technical and constructive undertaking, women are not only equal, but often supervise men.

Very revealing seemed to me a film where young students from a technical college had to build a factory, and the female students were the ones who did all examining and inspecting work.

Further they are taught every minute, that government only is too glad and proud of its women freed of all household work, and that all hopes are placed in them.

So, for the first time in Chinese history educated, trained and respected in public positions, Chinese women answer with a high tide of enthusiasm and initiative.

Women In Buses

On every occasion it was a woman who made room for me in the crowded train, a woman is director of Peking Intourist, women are in the buses, in the streets as policemen.

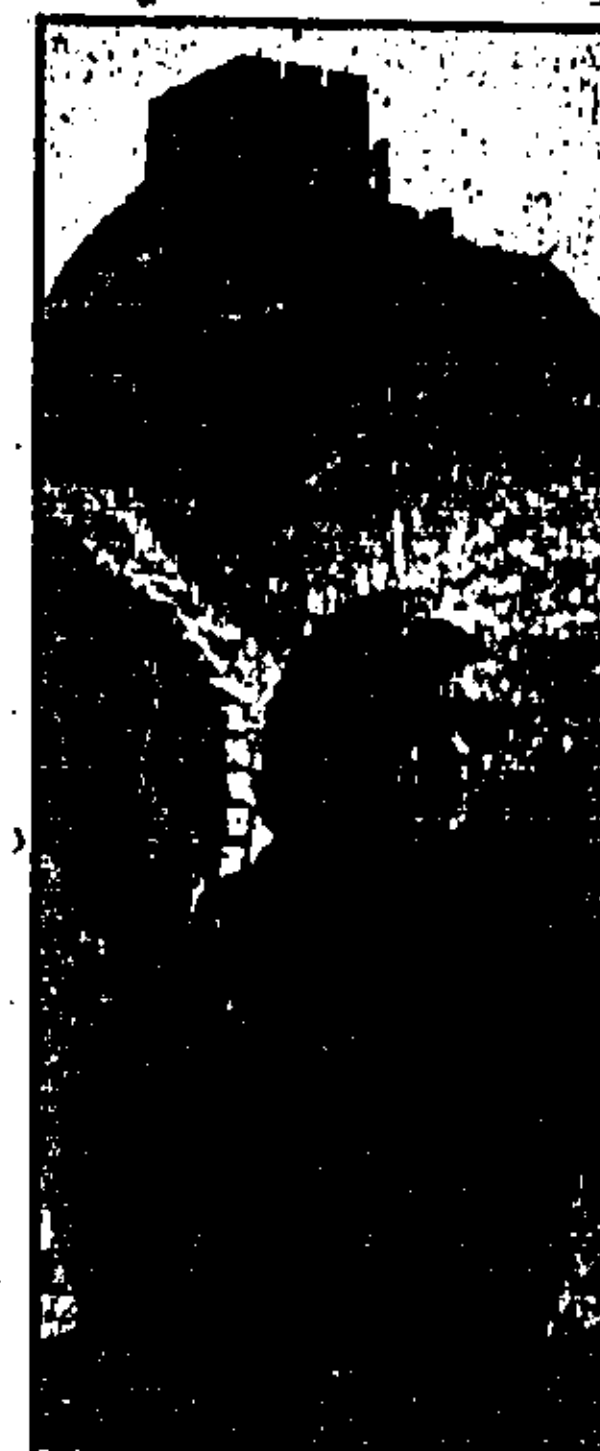
The day of a Chinese woman seems hard, but it is really harder than that of working women all over the world?

There are, of course no more servants in the normal household. From 6 to 7 every morning the Chinese mother has to get up to stand in the queue waiting for bread. Or she may send one of her children.

The food shortage is very great especially in Peking. Vegetable, fruit and fresh meat are hard to get in winter time. So for anything a mother wants to cook she will have to wait one or two hours, mostly outside the shop.

Naturally, housework seems no pleasure, gladly she will give all children to nurseries, kindergartens and schools and go herself to work. She even will visit spare-time schools to improve her position and avoid being looked upon as backward. The general drive is steady, work, study and patriotism.

There is no escape. Their relation to men is that of a good comrade. Rough, good-natured, I saw men and women laugh and talk together in a friendly and detached way much more frequently than in other countries I have visited. This I took as an advantage.



THE AUTHOR

Pictured against the Great Wall of China is Christine Walzenbacher, 23-year-old Austrian University student, who recently made a two-month tour of China. Christine wrote this article on the women of China after a tour which took her from Canton to Peking and Tientsin where she met people from all walks of life. Christine is on a world tour, hitch-hiking around from country to country and she has now been away from home almost 15 months. She arrived in Hongkong on January 9 to begin her trip to China, and she leaves on Saturday to continue her tour.

At dancing parties, hot music or jazz is avoided. Waltz and folksongs in the Russian manner are the main source of entertainment.

Average Budget

There are, on the whole, few things which could tempt a young woman in New China: no occasions to wear any beautiful dresses, no time for make-up, and no money to buy any other luxuries.

The average budget in a month may be between 50 and 80 yuan (HK\$125 to \$225), 15 (HK\$37.5) at least must be spent on food, the rest is saved for new furniture, radio, books and the like.

Hobbies of the Chinese women? They are strange and astonishing as everything in China: they want to become a model worker, a leading comrade, a labour heroine.

But that is China today.



Some Smart Suggestions For Chafing Dish Cook

"WHETHER they are of shining silver, copper, brass or wrought iron with pottery inserts, chafing dishes denote parties and glamour," I was saying.

"The metal type, you will notice, consists of a lower part for hot water with a top that fits in like a double boiler and that can also be used for sautéing. So for chafing dish cooking, choose foods that can be either sautéed—without means lightly fried—over direct heat or that need preparation over hot water."

Watching the Host

"You know, Madame," chuckled the Chef, "most of the fun of chafing-dish cooking is watching the host show off. However, to be effective, the show must not be too long."

"Here are some suggestions: Finocchio Olives Scrambled Eggs Italian Sesame Seed Rolls Fried Bruli Mocha Squares Coffee"

All measurements are level; recipe proportions are to serve 4 to 6. Scrambled Eggs Italian: Chop 3 medium-sized green peppers. Peel and chop 2 medium-sized tomatoes (or use ¾ c. solid pack canned tomatoes).

Mince ¼ a peeled section garlic and 1 peeled small onion. In the chafing dish (or a frying pan), melt 2 tbs. butter. Add ½ tbs. olive oil. Add the vegetables. Sauté until tender.

Add 6 eggs—beaten with ¼ tsp. salt, ¼ tsp. pepper and 2 tbs. milk. Cook until the eggs begin to set.

Then "carefully scramble" or scrape up with a spoon, cooking only until creamy throughout. Serve on toast with or without a garnish of minced shallots. Fried Bruli Mocha Squares: Stir ½ c. shortening, 1 c. cream, 1 c. granulated sugar and ½ c. molasses. Beat and add 2 eggs. Stir in 1 c. hot coffee.

Sift together 2½ c. already-sifted enriched flour, 1½ tsp. baking soda, 1 tsp. ground cinnamon, 1 tsp. ground ginger, ½ tsp. ground clove and ½ tsp. salt. Beat into the first mixture.

Transfer to a 7" x 11" pan. Bake 35 min. in a moderate oven, 350°-375° F. or until a toothpick inserted in the centre comes out clean.

When cold, cover with mocha icing and dust thickly with toasted Brazil nuts. Mocha Icing: Cream 3 tbs. butter with 4 tbs. dry cocoa and 1 tsp. vanilla.

Add 4 tbs. strong coffee beverage alternating with 4 tbs. sifted confectioner's sugar. Beat until smooth and creamy. Use as directed.

TOMORROW'S DINNER

Pineapple Juice Stewed Dried Lima Beans With Ham or Cured Bacon Sweet-Potato Kalo Fried Bruli Mocha Squares Coffee Tea

TRICK OF THE CHEF

When stewing dried lima, add ¼ tsp. oregano.

STORIES FOR BOYS AND GIRLS

Mr. Merlin's Luncheon

—An Unusual But Thoroughly Delightful Affair—

By MAX TRELL

THE magic telephone rang.

Knarf and Hanid, the Shadow Children with the Turned About Names, both ran behind the bookcase to answer it. Because it was a magic telephone, both of them could listen and speak at the same time.

At the other end of the telephone was Mr. Merlin, the Magnificent Magician.

"Won't you come and join me for lunch?" Mr. Merlin asked. "I'm having a lot of guests. Come down right away!"

Magic Telephone

"Thank you very much, Mr. Merlin! We will!" said Knarf and Hanid into the magic telephone, both at the same time.

As soon as they had hung up the telephone, Knarf and Hanid combed their hair and washed their faces and brushed their shoes and made themselves as neat as two pins.

Then they walked down to the end of Book-lovers' Boulevard and rang Mr. Merlin's bell.

Neon Sign

It was a strange house. A tree grew out through the middle of it. The branches could be seen silhouetted out of the windows.

As soon as the bell was rung,

a neon sign lit up. The sign read, "Some Right In."

Then the door swung open. Knarf and Hanid walked right in.

"Come Up The Stairs," said another sign in the hallway. So Knarf and Hanid walked up.

They found themselves in Mr. Merlin's big dining hall.

In the middle of the hall, there stood Mr. Merlin, dressed in a white apron and a tall white chef's hat. He was surrounded by pots and pans and plates and knives and forks and spoons and cups and saucers. But the most important thing was a tall stove. Knarf and Hanid counted a dozen different doors in this stove.

And the tree that grew in the centre of the house was filled with chattering birds.

"Sit down, my dears. Sit down," said Mr. Merlin, as he greeted Knarf and Hanid. "There's plenty to eat for everyone!"

Rupert and the Blunderpuss—22



The Chinese Conjurer turns impatiently when he realises that he is not alone and, figuratively, moves forward timidly, lower, lower. "Oh, most honourable Daddy," she says. "Here is Rupert little bear. Please to hear him, for he has news, very important."

"So? Very well, little bear may speak. But briefly, briefly," says the conjurer. "Well, all I know is that Uncle Bruno was frightened by a queer black thing," says Rupert nervously. "It's a sort of cat with wings. I can't catch it and I want to know what it is."



Knarf and Hanid made themselves neat as two pins.

Then Mr. Merlin started opening the doors of his wonderful magic stove.

He took out soups and roasts and puddings and pies and steaks and chops and hamburgers and cutlets and fritters and cookies and dozens of things that steamed and bubbled that Knarf and Hanid couldn't even name.

More And More

"Eat! Eat! Eat!" Mr. Merlin kept saying. "There's lots more where all this came from!" And he opened more doors.

The ones who ate the most were the dwarfs. The ones who ate the least were the giant and the dragon. The neatest ones were the pigs. The fastest eaters were the birds.

The only thing the flowers ate was a drop of magic dew-soup. Only a magnificent magician like Mr. Merlin knew how to make dew-soup!

World Individual Table Tennis

BRILLIANT JOCKEYSHIP WINS GRAND NATIONAL

Behind nearly every Grand National win there is one moment of brilliant jockeyship — one instant in the world's greatest steeplechase when the winner survives for no other reason than a jockey's superb riding ability. In this year's race it was at the water jump where Oxo had his brush with disaster, and these pictures show how magnificent Michael Scudamore got the big race winner out of trouble.



Oxo and Scudamore are about to land.



Now Oxo's front legs are folding. His head is down.



The head is still farther down, the balance is going, but Scudamore stands in stirrups trying to pull up Oxo's head.



Scudamore wins. He is nearly back in the saddle and in a moment Oxo will be in full stride again.

Tourney Opens Today

MURUKAMI AND EGUCHI TOP

FAVOURITES FOR MEN'S,
WOMEN'S SINGLES TITLES

Dortmund, April 1.

The Japanese players, Teruo Murakami and Eguchi will start favourites for the men's and women's singles title respectively in the individual event of the world table tennis championships which start in Dortmund tomorrow.

Although the Japanese are not expected to have it all their own way in the individual events, and are not sure of getting two of their players in the singles finals, they should win more titles after their victories yesterday in the Swaythling and Corbillion team events.

Murakami's main rivals for the title should be the South Vietnamese, Le Van Tiet, and Mai Van Hoa, Wang Chun-yao and Yung Kuo-tuan of China, and the Hungarian and the Japanese, Ogiwara and Narita.

Murakami is the only player to have won all his matches in the Swaythling Cup, where he made a big impression, and his devastating smashes should get him safely through to the men's singles final.

Best Player?

Berezik of Hungary, who is number one seed, while Murakami was unseeded, could be the best player in the world if he were not so often betrayed by his nerves.

His outbursts of anger when he misses a shot and his impulsive character are always against him in vital matches.

Of the other Japanese, perhaps Narita will prove better than Ogiwara. Narita, who does not use the sponge bat, may not have given his best during the team matches and many experts expected a better performance from him in the singles.

Murakami is drawn to meet Hungary's veteran Ferenc Sido before the quarter-final round and 37-year-old Sido may prove a worthy opponent, despite his age.

The seeds are as follows for the men's singles: 1. Berezik (Hungary), 2. Ogiwara (Japan), 3. Narita (Japan), 4. Wang Chun-yao (China), 5. Yung Kuo-tuan (China), 6. Mai Van Hoa (South Vietnam), 7. Sido (Hungary), 8. Sipek (Czechoslovakia).

Women's Singles

In the women's singles, Eguchi may meet most serious opposition from Cho Kyung Cha of South Korea, whom she should play before the quarter-final round.

Eguchi did not play against Korea in the team event, but was most impressive in all her previous matches.

Apart from Cho Kyung Cha, Hungary's Eve Koczian, England's Ann Haydon, Japan's Matsuzaki and the Chinese girls, Sun Mei-ying and Chiu Chung-hui appear to have the best chances of giving Eguchi a run for her money.

The seeds in the women's singles are as follows:

1. Eguchi (Japan), 2. Haydon (Britain), 3. Koczian (Hungary), 4. Matsuzaki (Japan), 5. Chiu Chung-hui (China), 6. Nambu (Japan), 7. Simon (Netherlands), 8. Sun Mei-ying (China).

'Truth Test'

The Chinese players are up against something of a "truth test" in the men's and women's singles. They must live up to the high reputation which they earned last year. Their performances in the Swaythling and Corbillion team events, however, had sometimes been disappointing.

The Swaythling Cup was played only in singles matches and so the only valid comparison of the strength of the doubles teams this year was afforded by the double matches in the Corbillion Cup.

It has often been proved in the past that the association of two good singles players does not make a winning doubles combination.

The Japanese team of Eguchi and Matsuzaki were the most impressive pair of the Corbillion Cup and they will start favourites for the women's doubles.

Their chief rivals should be the Hungarian girls, Koczian and Mosoczay, and the English team of Haydon and Rowe.

Seeds in the women's doubles are as follows:

1. Berezik and Lantos (Hungary), 2. Ogiwara and Eguchi (Japan), 3. Murakami and Matsuzaki (Japan), 4. Wang Chun-yao and Sun Mei-ying (China), 5. Franco-Prese.

Gonzales Says This Will Be 'Do Or Die' Year For Lew Hoad

Atlanta, April 1.

World professional tennis champion Pancho Gonzales said today this was the "do or die" year for the professional success of Australian Lew Hoad.

Gonzales and Hoad were in Atlanta on another stop of their cross-country tour.

"I don't think the American tennis public would allow Hoad to tour next year," Gonzales said. "If he doesn't win this year."

Gonzales beat Hoad last year to defend his title successfully.

Public Funny

The swatting public, although not commending directly on Hoad's present game, pointed out the point where he is spending too much time in his specialising about.

"The public is funny," he said. "I know. It took me five years to 'come back' after I first turned professional."

He said that Hoad, billed as a co-star of the Jack Kramer tour, had to make good this season or someone else would be demanded by the public. He cited the case of Frank Beckman who, although still one of the top players in the game, has lost his crowd appeal because he was beaten by Kramer and Gonzales.

Hoad and Gonzales entered their matches here with identical 16-7 records. Hoad, however, had lost on successive nights, while Gonzales had won to pull even.—U.P.I.

Nylon-Centred Golf Balls Now Used In U.S.

Wilmington, April 1. Nylon-centred golf balls have been introduced on golf courses in the United States.

It is claimed that the ball, called the "Ram," has a 20-yard increase in the average drive.

The DuPont Company, makers of nylon, say the secret of the ball's extra yardage is a marbled core made from "Zytel" nylon resin, which replaces the conventional liquid or rubber centre.

Apart from the nylon core, the ball is of standard construction. A quarter-inch layer of virgin natural rubber surrounds the core, and is overwound with vulcanised rubber thread and jacketed with a conventional blatta cover.

It is characterised by a distinctive "click" off the tee and a "pop" on the putting surface.—Reuter.

Tommy Atkin's ARMY SPORTS PARADE

The Army seven-a-side rugby tournament which was held at Boundary Street last Wednesday was the final event of the season but one. Only 16 teams entered. This was disappointing but the small entry had been anticipated to a certain extent.

There was a full and very interesting day's rugby. It was not really good 'sevens' but it was keenly fought out and full of surprises. The 'seeds' all reached the semi-finals with one exception, in which the losers' place was taken by the 'rag-tag-and-bobtails,' Minor Units "B".

One could visualise a repetition of the 15-a-side final with 5 Fd Regt "A" meeting 1 Green Howards "B", the pre-tournament favourites and holders. However, Sappers "A" became finalists by beating the Gunners by 11 points to nil, and in the second semi-final, the Minor Units harried the Green Howards to run out worthy winners by eight points to five.

In the interval the finalists of the Blarney Stone Tournament played an invitation match and the RAF once again beat Police, on this occasion by three points to nil. The game was much appreciated by the spectators, and we wish to thank both teams for taking part.

The Inter-Unit Final proved another surprise with Minor Units "B" beating Sappers "A" by eight points to five. Full credit to these seven players, most of whom did not know one another at the beginning of the day, and none of whom being really known in Colony rugby.

Lady Eastman kindly presented the prizes at the end of the day.

Congratulations

Congratulations to the Navy, who won the "31" Trophy. Army North were second and Army South fourth.

The Trophy is presented annually by the Hongkong Society of Rugby Football Union. Referees "to the team which by its general conduct has done most to enhance the reputation of the game in Hongkong."

It is awarded on an average assessment made by Society Referees throughout the season, in two stages: pre-Hexangular and Hexangular. The following are the positions of the first four teams:

Team Royal Navy Hexangular 1st Army North Hexangular 2nd Army South Hexangular 3rd Army South Hexangular 4th The following Army teams were also assessed but did not play sufficient games under the control of Society Referees during each stage to qualify: 1 R Tks, 5 Fd Regt, 1 Green Howards, 1 Lan R (FWV), RACM and Whitefield Wanderers.

Whitefield Wanderers deserve full praise for not only keeping the season alive to the end, but for also "spreading the word."

It was their idea that rugby should be introduced to Macao, and so this coming weekend a large number of Service and civilian players will make their way there to play an exhibition game at the Macao Football Stadium on Sunday, at 4.00 p.m.

Army Colours

If anyone is spending a few days in Macao, it is hoped that they will support this very fine gesture.

Army Colours have been awarded to Capt Winn, Capt Bede-Cox, Capt Mander, Capt Lowe, Capt Sharpe, Lt Muntz, Sgt Clarke, Bob Phillips, and Capt McIntosh, who has already left the Colony. The presentation will be made at the end-of-season supper, which is to take place at the NAAFI Club, Chatham Road, Kowloon, on Friday, April 10 at 7.00 p.m.

Any Army player or official who has not yet obtained a ticket, which costs \$5, should write to the Hon. Secretary, Army RUFC (HK), H Q Land Forces, as soon as possible.

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Now that the finals of both the Major and Minor Units knock-out football competitions have been decided, the soccer season is rapidly drawing to a close.

At Boundary Street last week 1 Lan R (FWV) showed in no uncertain terms who were the top dogs of the Major Units Land Forces. They captured the Challenge Cup by defeating RAF Little Bai Wan by three goals to nil.

Fairleigh, Atkinson, and Denington scored the goals, and there was little doubt as to who were the better team.

The Minor Units League Cup went to 5 COD, who routed 8 Coy RASC by five goals to one. For the winners, Woolfe, Holloway, and Roome scored all the goals among them, and for the losers, Holland was successful in their solitary effort.

At the conclusion of both games, Lady Eastman, wife of the Commander of British Forces, Lt-General Sir Stanley M. Bastyan presented the

trophies, and prizes to the various competitors.

Only one game of football was scheduled for the Easter period, and that took place at the Club Stadium last Sunday. The local football Association did everything it could to make the annual interport game between Hongkong and Macao as even as possible, but very few spectators turned up.

Star Defender

Both Sharp and Woodcock from the Army were chosen, Sharp at left-back, and Woodcock at centre-half.

Sharp played a very good game, intelligent, decisive, with no spectacular moments, but Woodcock was the star defender for Hongkong. He repeatedly earned the cheers of the crowd for his very sterling work. His tackling and good heading was very noticeable, and his work did much to ensure the victory that Hongkong deserved.

Our congratulations to Watson of the RAF who had a hand in all of the goals. The final score was six goals to one in favour of Hongkong, and it could just as easily have been 12-1.

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In the hockey game between the winners of the Major Units and the Minor Units, a draw was a fitting result to some rather negative hockey.

6 COD, winners of the Minor Units competition, are to be congratulated on holding their very formidable opponents, 5 Fd Regt RA, winners of the Major Units, to a 1-1 draw.

The game was very typical of a final, with plenty of support from the two teams' partisan supporters. In spite of extra time being played, there was no further score. The Secretary of Army Hockey therefore decided that each team would hold the trophy for six months.

6 COD were given the honour of holding it for the first period, and right well did they deserve this honour.

A Walkover

On Sunday Army 'A' were seen in action against the Hongkong Hockey Club, in the preliminary round of the Holland Cup.

Unfortunately HKHC were unable to field a full team, and conceded the game to Army 'A'. With the loan of two players from the Army, the game got under way, and a most enjoyable game it was.

Due to the loss of two players, Booth and Watts, the Army team looked rather strange on paper, but this game gave them the advantage of trying out new players for the very important games to come.

No one could complain that they had not seen sufficient hockey during the Easter holidays.

Monday once again saw Army 'A' in action. This time they were against Army 'B' in a isolated league encounter.

Green took over the Captaincy of the 'A' team from Watts who has left the Colony. The result was a win for Army 'A' by five goals to one, but this was not so one-sided as it sounds. Army 'A' were the first to score, but 'B' soon came back, and made it one all. It was only the sterling work of Roberts and Smith that kept the score at one each.

As the second half progressed the 'A' forwards began to pile on the pressure, and from them onwards goals came at a steady pace.

The final whistle came with 'A' still pressing, but were unable to increase their score. For the losers their goalkeeper was outstanding, and certainly was not to blame for his team's defeat.

A Good Player

Smith and Roberts as already mentioned, were a tower of strength in defence. Roberts is a good player, with a magnificent eye for the ball, and he certainly enjoys his hockey.

Ralph at outside-right scored a wonderful goal, to make it 3-1, and was always working like a beaver.

Army 'A' were due to meet Nav Bharat 'A' at Sookunpo, on Wednesday, but it appeared that Nav Bharat were having difficulty in finding a team. This is the third time that they have called off this gun, and it makes one wonder if this is the only excuse that they can offer.

They are the only team that have defeated our 'A' side this season.

Two league games are still outstanding, the other one being against Recrelo 'A'. The first round proper, in the Holland Cup has been drawn, and the games are: Army 'A' versus IRC 'A', Army 'B' versus the winners of the Dutch HC and Rangers.

Both games will be played at Sookunpo on April 8, bullseye off at 5.30 pm.

On April 5, the 'six-a-side' hockey tournament gets under way at Sookunpo.

There has been a very good response from Units, and 22 teams have entered, including two from our Naval friends.

Games are scheduled to start at 2 p.m. sharp, and all three pitches will be in use.

In view of the very crowded programme that will be taking place, team Captains are requested to report to the control point not later than 1345 hrs.

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Last Saturday, at King's Park, Army 'South' won the 1958/59 Colony First Division Cricket Championship.

Their three-wicket victory over Recrelo 'A' put them well clear of their pursuers, the HKCC 'Scorpions', and Kowloon Cricket Club.

'South' won the toss, and sent the Portuguese team in to bat. From the beginning the bowlers were on top, taking advantage of there being too much grass on the top of the wicket.

Took 6 Wickets

Beardsley was the most successful bowler for the Army, his final figures being: overs 14.2, maidens 3, runs 22, wickets 6.

Greenwood got plenty of life out of the pitch, and the opposing batsmen were kept very much on their toes by the pace attack.

With 52 runs to aim at Army 'South' really got down to making sure of the Championship. This they succeeded in doing for the loss of seven wickets. Robinson, and Greenwood were the highest scorers, 24 runs, coming from Robinson, and 10 from Greenwood. The final top three positions in the league are:—

	P	W	D	L	Pts
Army 'South'	20	11	0	3	50
'Scorpions'	20	10	0	4	40
IRC	20	9	0	2	45

In the same division, Army 'North' shook the Optimists' at Sookunpo, defeating them by two wickets.

Notable

This game was notable for two things.

The Optimists' score could easily have been 87, and not 187. Time was time again.

Crook was beating the bat, and although he finished up with the very fine analysis of five for 30, it could have been a lot better.

When Army 'North' went in to bat, much the same thing happened. The ball was still beating the bat, but what atrocious fielding! Although Watkinson scored 45 runs, next on the list was Mr. Extras with 42. The first wicket fell at 22, 17 of which were extras.

With eight down for 142, Crook and Corfield got their noses down, and saw the necessary runs on the board. A very fine victory, and well deserved.

In the second division they weren't so successful, losing to 'Centuars' by five wickets. This game was played at Mission Road.

Big Entry For French Table Tennis Tourney

Paris, April 1. More than 150 players from 17 countries have entered the French international table tennis championships here from April 13-19, it was announced today by M. Gerard Lollier, assistant organizer of the event. The countries represented will be England, Australia, India, Belgium, Czechoslovakia, France, East Germany, Holland, Hungary, Italy, Japan, South Korea, Luxembourg, Portugal, United States, Vietnam and Yugoslavia.—Reuter.

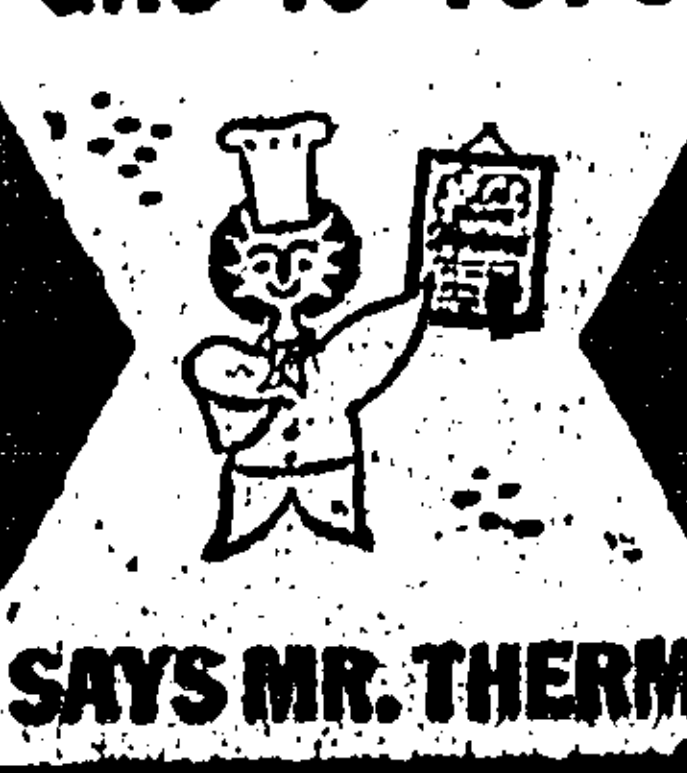
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Notice to Shareholders

Notice is hereby given that
the Thirty First Ordinary
Annual General Meeting of
the Company will be held at
the Company's Office, Jordan
Road Ferry Pier, Kowloon, on
Saturday, the 4th April, 1959,
at 12.00 noon for the purpose
of receiving the Report of
the Directors and Statement
of Accounts for the year
ended 31st December, 1958,
to declare Dividends, to elect
Directors and to appoint
Auditors.

Notice is also given that
the Share Register of the
Company will be closed from
Monday, the 23rd March,
1959 to Saturday, the 4th
April, 1959, both days in-
clusive.

By Order of the Board,
LAU CHAN KWOK,
Managing Director.

Hongkong, 27th Feb., 1959.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

"LYCAON"

Damaged cargo on this vessel will
be surveyed by Messrs Paulsen &
Bayer-Davies at 10.15 a.m. on April 4, 1959, and
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Agents.

Hongkong, 1st April, 1959.

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A Gay Old Lady May Brighten HK Soon

The Showboat Kalang, the gay old lady
of Sydney Harbour, may continue her
bright life in Hongkong.

Reports from Sydney say that a group of Chinese
businessmen have offered more than a quarter
of a million dollars for the 1,270-ton Show-
boat.

But so far plans for the
Kalang's future in Hong-
kong are still vague.

A drastic fall in patronage
and rising operating costs have
forced the Showboat's owners to
withdraw her from pleasure
cruises on the Harbour.

The company, a four-man
syndicate, is going into liquidation.
A lot of people—25,000 a year
from all over Australia, in fact
—will regret the passing of the
ship with the tall, red funnel,
the dark green hull, and
hundreds of "white" framed
windows.

No more wide-eyed youngsters
cramming round her decks,
asking harassed parents about
Harbour landmarks.

Bikini Parades

No more of the countless
romances which have begun on
her moonlit upper decks,
asking harassed parents about
Harbour landmarks.

As Mr Maurice Bern,
managing director of the com-
pany which owns the Kalang,
said:

"It's tragic but true—the
Showboat has outlived her
day."
"Citizens have become blasé
about her, and the patronage of
country and overseas visitors
isn't sufficient to make her a
paying proposition."

Ferry

The most auctioneers can
hope to get for Kalang is be-
tween £40,000 and £50,000—
though shipbuilders say a
similar vessel would cost as
much as £400,000 to build to-
day.

Among prospective buyers is
a group of Chinese businessmen,
who want to run Kalang as a
ferry in Hongkong.

Their original offer for the
syndicate was £22,000.

The buyers would have to
pay an extra £10,000 to have
the Showboat towed across
the Pacific by tug.

The ultra-smart, three-deck
Kalang of today, is a far cry
from the original "galley" "flat-
iron," with deckhouse in the
middle, launched from Crickton's
slips at Chester, England, in 1926.

The Kalang made her way to
Sydney under her own steam
in 1928, hugging coastlines and
hopping from port to port.

Gathered Rust

With three sister vessels, the
Kalang ran the main Harbour
vehicle ferry service carrying 43
cars and wagons on each trip.
Then in March, 1932, the
Harbour Bridge was opened,
and the Kalang's days as a ferry
were over.

For nearly six years she lay
at a wharf, gathering dust and
rust.

Then in 1937 the Kalang
emerged from the Balmalm
works of Sydney Ferries, Ltd.,
with a new look that staggered
old salts of Sydney Harbour.

1,900 Passengers

She had two huge promenade
decks, each nearly 200 feet by 40
feet, and kitchen, milkbar, cafe,
stage, grand piano—and capacity
for 1,900 passengers.

The Kalang was getting into
her stride as one of the world's
great showboats when the Pacific
War intervened.

The Navy Department took
over the Kalang, stripped her
of her glamour, and sent her
to New Guinea waters as a
floating workshop.

Her 40-foot crane lifted many
small vessels sunk by Japanese
bombers.

After the war the Kalang got
another facelift at the State
Dockyards, Newcastle, and went
back into Harbour service in
1947.

Captain

Doyen of the Kalang's
skippers is Captain R. C.
Scholtz, who retired last year
after 33 years of piloting ferries
around Sydney Harbour.
Captain Scholtz said: "As
a floating piece of amusement

the Kalang is still second to
none.

"But with her 200-foot
length and big superstruc-
ture she's awfully awkward
to handle."

"Quite a few" times her 11-
foot draught stranded her for a
few hours on sandbanks.

"After one mishap I checked
with the people who make the
tide calculations and found they
were only 1% in, out—but that
was enough to strand her. On
two nights I was caught in
midstream and had to nurse
Kalang back to the Quay like a
baby."

Greatest Day

"Probably Kalang's greatest
day was in February, 1954,
when the Gothic brought the
Queen to Sydney. With 800
sightseers on board, we led the
parade of small boats up the
Harbour."

The heyday of the Kalang
lasted about 10 years. She
was packed almost every trip,
and ran winter and summer.
Then abruptly business fell
off.

Said Mr M. Horne, general
manager of Harbour Lightering
and Showboat Ltd.: "You can
pick your reason—television,
late closing of the pubs, more
motorists on the roads."

Showgirls

In January last year the State
Government began negotiating
to buy Kalang.

When the deal fell through
the Showboat was sold to Mr
Bern's syndicate for £10,000.

The syndicate spent another
£8,000 on improvements, mainly
on enclosing the third top deck.
The syndicate tried all sorts
of gimmicks to attract custom
—vaudeville shows with nude
showgirls, gay bachelor
parties, elaborate dinners.

But somehow it didn't click.
Last year, for the first time
in her history, the Showboat had
to lay up for three of the
winter months.

TARGET

How many words of
four letters can you make
from the letters in the square
below? Each word must contain
the large letter in the centre
square, and there must be at
least one nine-letter word in the
list. No plural words.

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London Express Service.

• BY THE WAY •
by Beachcomber

It is not every day, nor even
every other day, that a Presi-
dent is criticised, during a tour
of duty, for kissing only the
prettiest girls in sight.
Apparently President Hu Chi
Mah, while in Java and Bali,
made a bee-line for the beauties
and left the plain girls to sulk
in their corners. I recall the
withering words of Missie
Sloppercorn, when she was the
Slackenthum Drahnpink Queen,
and the mayor had tried to kiss
her. She said: "Mr Mayor, we
are not living in the jungle.
Neither I myself nor the drain-
pipes can benefit from this de-
graded form of publicity. Pray
repose yourself to yourself."

**Improving Gilbert
and Sullivan**

THERE are sore hearts in Tin
Pan Alley and Sniffle
Corner. There appears to be
much unlightened support for
the reactionary idea that the
Gilbert and Sullivan operettas
should continue to be performed
as the authors wanted them to
be performed, and as the
audiences want them to be
performed, without any attempt

to improve the music or the
lyrics. Said "Rep" Wende-
le: "How corny can you get? It
don't make no sense to rub
twentyth century noses in all
that dirt ages stuff. Look what
we done for Showpin."

Short rally

Because an actress said to
a reporter, "You know, we're
not all as silly as we look." He
should have replied, with a
bow, "Nor do you all look as
silly as you are."

Lord Shortcake
of Shortcake Manor, having
fallen in love with a bewitching
dairymaid on his estate, said to
his steward: "Bentley, get one
of the men to carve a heart on
the biggest tree in the avenue.
Inside the heart I want the
word 'Edna' carved carefully."
The man detailed for this
unusual task misunderstood his
orders, and a week later visitors
were surprised to see an
enormous heart carved on a
beech tree in the avenue, and
inside it, in large letters: "Lord
Shortcake loves Edna."
—London Express Service.



"No Man, But A Soldier Begad!"

Melbourne.

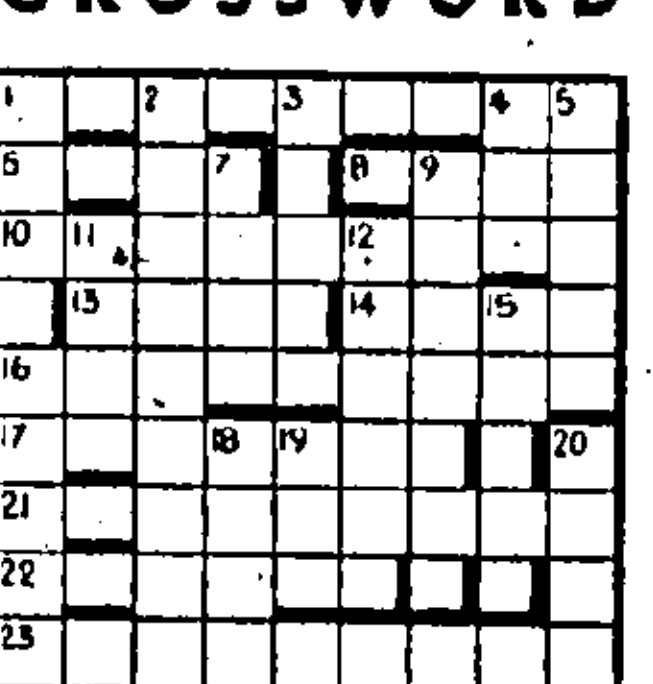
Captain Dorothy Newton,
an army medical officer
has attended a two-day
exercise—along with
more than 7,000 men,
although the Army had
issued a strict "no women"
order for the exer-
cise.

Captain Newton was com-
mended for her ambulance while
senior officers discussed the
position.

Then the director of the
operation, Major-General H. H.
Hosmer, in the gallant tradi-
tion of his service, invited Cap-
tain Newton to watch the exer-
cise.

"She may not be a man, but
she is a soldier," he said.—
China Mail Special.

CROSSWORD



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London Express Service.

BRITISH FIRM LAUNCHES SMOKE BOMB SUITCASE

A payroll grab with a difference took place in
a quiet street of the London suburb of
Byfleet, Surrey, recently.

A muffled up man match-
ed a suitcase from two
messengers leaving the bank
and dashed away to a wait-
ing car.

But he and his accomplice
were beaten by a thick
cloud of blinding, choking
smoke which poured from
the bag as soon as the mes-
senger lost hold of it.

Before the car had gone
20 yards the thieves were
forced to stop.

This of course was a
dummy run, designed to de-
monstrate the efficacy of a
new safety case which is to
be shown to the Crime
Prevention Committee at
Scotland Yard.

Before the messenger left
the bank he pulled out a
pin in the case, and kept his
finger firmly pressed down

on a small "spring-loaded
plunger" near the handle.

As soon as the pressure
was released, the harmless
but effective smoke began
to pour out from a special
canister in the case.

Once it started there's
no way of stopping it. The
smoke does no damage
apart from temporarily
incapacitating the thief;
similar gadgets can be ob-
tained for fitting to the
doors of mail or bullion
vans. Price of the suitcase—
the de luxe model—is £15
—15s.

Picture shows one mes-
senger sprawling, the other
staggering as the "bandit"
makes his getaway dash
with the hottest bag he's
ever handled. — Express
Service.

Fast Post Mail Notices

The speed of the French
postal service has pre-
vented a suicide attempt
by a 75-year-old woman
living in this Mediter-
ranean port.

The woman decided to end
her life one wrote a letter to a
friend living nearby to explain
what she planned to do.

She posted the letter at 8
a.m., returned home and turned
on her gas jets.

The letter was collected a few
minutes after it was posted and
received by the friend only 20
minutes after 8 a.m. She tele-
phoned police who rushed to
the house and saved the
woman.—China Mail Special.

**BIBLE THOUGHT
FOR TODAY**

We have left all and have
followed thee.—Mark 10:28.

This must be our chief
pursuit. It is not a part-
time job. We just can't go
in two or three directions at
once.

Press-Radio Bible Service,
The Cincinnati, Ohio.

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FILMS
KING'S & PRINCESS: "Bell,
Book and Candle," starring
James Stewart, Kim Novak,
Jack Lemmon and Ernie
Korvas.
ROXY & BROADWAY: "Bil-
liette," German war film nar-
rated by Lt. Gen. Sir Brian
Horrocks.
STAR & METROPOLE: "The
Big Country," Gregory Peck,
Jean Simmons, Carroll O'Connor,
Charlton Heston, Burl Ives.
LEE & ASTOR: "The Captain's
Table," John Gargan, Perry
Combs, Donald Sinden.
NEDS & GALA: "Girl"
with Leslie Caron, Marlon
Brando and Louis Jourdan.
RITZ: "Man of the West," with
Gary Cooper.
STATE: "The Bridge on the
River Kwai," William Holden,
Alec Guinness, Jack Hawkins,
and others.
PARAMOUNT: "The 7th Voyage
of Sinbad."
ORIENTAL & MAJESTIC: "The
Tale of the Sixth Happiness,"
Ingrid Bergman, Curt Jurgens,
Robert Donat.
GRAND: "Vertigo," James Ste-
wart, Kim Novak.
NIGHT SPOTS
CARLTON: Mario Franchini
and his Combo featuring Lita
Stella.
GOLDEN PHOENIX: Olio
Dolfin and his Dynamite
Dancers with vocalists Lita
Stella and Lita Stella.
VI Minda. Floor shows by
Freda Marshall and the
Rocky Rollers Combo.
PARAMOUNT: London's Top
Night Comedians, the Two
Mack Believes, Music by Vito
Luna and his sextet, Miami
Larry Allen in the Cocktail
Lounge.

JAPAN NEWSLETTER by David Gordon

FAMILY POOL BOOSTS LIVING STANDARDS IN JAPAN

Tokyo.

A recent survey made by the Chugoku Power
Company in Okayama City, turned up some
statistics which show that the 120,000 citizens
there enjoy a very high standard of living—if
the American system of basing such a
standard on household appliances is employed.

Every family owns a radio
set; one out of five owns a
television set; one in three has
an electric washing machine;
ten per cent own vacuum
cleaners, record players and
refrigerators and half the homes
use electric fans in summer and
heaters in winter.

It is obvious these figures
make quite favourable com-
parisons with those drawn from
similar industrial cities in most
parts of the world.

But, statistics may be
contrived—as they generally
are—to suit the purposes of
the compilers, so before running
off with the idea that the
Okayamans are a rather affluent
group, it should be explained
how they manage on notoriously
low individual wages, to acquire
such expensive comforts or
modern necessities.

The family pooling system
and liberal purchasing terms,
are the prime reasons. These,
allied to a remarkable
thriftiness and a national
determination to get ahead,
account for the rest.

Each wage earner in a home
contributes a portion for every
purchase and specific sums are
set aside for a particular item
which all agree the family
should have.

Then they stick to the
decision. Nobody pulls out after
a few months to apply his or
her share towards buying a new
suit or dress or stacking a hot
tip in the last race.

The suits and dresses too are
bought through the pool, so
everybody conforms with the
basic principle, then individual
requirements will be met in
time.

Credit is very widely ex-
tended in Japan and a sur-
prising number of quite small
enterprises, such as house-
holds, present bills quarterly
or even annually.

At this level, the Japanese
are scrupulously honest, so the
safety margin is high.

The suburban tailor who
waits a year or more for pay-
ment for clothing he has made,
enjoys credit from his whole-
saler.

By the same token, his daily
outgoings for supplies of rice,
fish, vegetables and other food-
stuffs along with his beer and
sake, all go on the cuff too.

The little man therefore is
well accommodated in this
respect and he need not be
actually embarrassed by the
lack of immediate cash.

Ordinarily he keeps his
credit purchases within his
means and is ready to make
settlement when the

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Stricter Controls On Licensing Of Radios Planned

By A CHINA MAIL REPORTER

A Concert The Critic Enjoys Reviewing

By ERNST GOTTSCHALK

ANOTHER French artist, cellist Bernard Michel, appeared last night on the platform of the University's Loke Yew Hall. He was assisted at the piano by Mr. Nicholas Astrinidis. Right from the beginning it became clear that Mr. Bernard is a soloist of the front rank, being equipped with an impeccable technique which is allied to a sound musical mind.

In fact, Mr. Michel is the calibre of artist which enables the critic to sit back and enjoy the music. For Mr. Michel plays with almost an unblemished accuracy and the technical difficulties, posed in the various works, are overcome effortlessly. Above all each interpretation of the widely divergent styles, which works by Beethoven, Brahms, Schumann, and others, is a Folia represent, is correct and suitably contrasted.

Though I admitted most Mr. Michel's effortlessness, at no time during the performance of the four compositions, which were on the programme, did one receive the impression that little thought had gone into their preparation. Each work appeared to be carefully studied and yet everything was kept flowing without being merely fluent.

The latter is always a danger with cellists of a lesser calibre than Mr. Michel because the cello does not lend itself quite so readily as other instruments to displays of fireworks. However, these were enjoyed too at de Falla's "Suite Populaire Espagnole" to which as finale had been added Prokofiev's transcription of the composer's celebrated "Fire Dance".

At this instance, of course, pianist Astrinidis had too the opportunity to display much brilliance and technical prowess. Speaking of the pianist one must point out that he was equal to his partner with his impeccable phrasing and musically conception.

It was indeed one of the outstanding merits of the recital that the two artists represented an almost perfect partnership. This is of great importance when, for instance, one performs the great Beethoven's cello sonatas, where the piano part is of equal importance to that of the cello. At the playing of this work, I noticed with pleasure as I have already at the Eccles concert, the pianist's sporting use of the pedal and later on he too showed a more varied touch, giving more colour to his refined playing.

The Beethoven sonata was the piece de resistance of the recital. In it I find the scherzo the most interesting. The main theme of it, setting the mood for the greater part of the movement, was played exceedingly well by Mr. Michel who added occasionally an appealing huskiness to the golden timbre of his instrument.

The recital was presented by Mr. Bernard Ho, who during the interval announced that the two artists will give another concert next Tuesday at Wah Yan College, Kowloon. It was, however, not said if there will be another programme. We hope so and in this case may I suggest that Mr. Michel plays for us one of Bach's "Unaccompanied Suites for Cello".

Mr. Michel is at least a part of one, for we have not heard these truly monumental compositions here for a long time, if at all.

The fervent applause which the two artists received from the fair sized audience should have assured them that many look forward to their promised second appearance.

Government will shortly be enforcing a more rigid control on the licensing of radios, it was learned today. The Postmaster-General's department, who carry out this work, is soon to be enlarged.

In addition to staff expansion, the radio licence department of the P.M.G. have on order, a radio inspection van which will aid them in their work of checking on unlicensed radios. In the budget debate a fortnight ago, Col. J. D. Clarke asked for a reconsideration of collection of radio licence fees. As Col. Clarke pointed out over the last few years there has been a big increase in the number of transistor radios, imported and used in the Colony.

Regulations
A radio licensing officer told the China Mail that if a person owned only one transistor set, and no other radio receiver, a licence was required. In how many cases, the owner of a transistor set was already in possession of a radio licence. He explained that one radio licence entitled the holder to operate any number of receiver sets under the same roof, in his own name. This included the operation of one portable or transistor set.

In the case of a car radio, a separate licence is required, but this licence also allows the holder to operate a second portable or transistor set.

To find out the number of transistor radios imported into Hongkong, the China Mail contacted a number of leading importers.

The Figures
Several of the big firms producing transistors are Japanese. Four local agents for these Japanese firms import an average monthly total which falls just short of the 8,000 mark. However, only about 3,000 of these are sold locally. German and American firms cannot compete in this market. As one importer said, "I only imported a few German sets. They are expensive and good. But we cannot compete with the Japanese transistors, which are cheap and good."

One of these importers of Japanese transistor sets has been in the market for about 15 months. He said after the first few months business began to brighten up. Now he imports a monthly average of 2,000 sets to Hongkong. Forty per cent (or 800 sets) are sold locally.

Another has been in the market for a year and a half, and now imports between 2,500 and 3,000 a month. One third of these are sold locally, the importer said.

Additional Charges

Two additional charges of larceny from a vehicle were preferred against Liu Su-hong, 26, of 320 Hennessy Road, second floor, at Central this morning. He is also accused of assaulting a detective, Chung Ming-kwong, in Yun Ping Road on Saturday night.

No plea was taken and defendant was remanded two days in police custody by Mr. Derek Cons.

25-HR FLIGHT TO END TOMORROW

BRITISH Overseas Airways Corporation's new jet service linking London and Europe opens tomorrow with the arrival of the first scheduled Comet 4 flight at Kai Tak.

The Comet, due in at 9 a.m., is expected to complete the journey from London to Hongkong in a scheduled flying time of 25 1/2 hours.

The jetliner will be leaving at 10.30 a.m. after refuelling and is due to land at Tokyo just four and a half hours later. The first Comet 4 service between the Far East and London opens on Saturday. The inaugural westbound flight leaves Kai Tak at 8.45 p.m. Saturday and after travelling

US Doctor, Nurses On Mercy Trip To Vietnam

A doctor and two nurses from the United States, passed through Hongkong by air this morning on their way to Saigon, at the urgent request of the Vietnam Government.

They will combat the backlog of tuberculosis cases at the Cho Ray Hospital at Saigon and will also demonstrate modern methods of treatment of lung diseases. They are Dr. Richard Overholt, Clinical Professor of Surgery at Tufts Medical School in Boston, Miss Kathryn O'Donnell, Chief Nurse of the Thoracic Clinic in Boston and Miss Shirley Wolf, Surgical Nurse of the University of Maryland Medical School Hospital in Baltimore.

Dr. Overholt will stay in Saigon for two months. Three more doctors are to join the mission at staggered intervals up to August.

Thefts From Parked Cars

A blanket and two shirts, worth about \$160, were stolen from a private car parked in Boundary Street last night. Earlier in the day, thieves stole a camera and an exposure meter and flash equipment, valued at \$500, from a private car parked in Caroline Hill Road, outside the Indian Recreation Club.

Minister Leaves

The Philippine Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Mr. Felixberto M. Serrano, left for Bangkok by PAA today after spending a day in Hongkong. Later he will visit Malaya and Singapore and will also attend the South China Sea Ministers meeting to be held at Wellington, New Zealand from April 8 to 11.

Remanded

Leung Kwok-kung, 20, painter, of 10 Wing Fung Street, ground floor, accused of indecently assaulting a five-year-old Chinese girl on March 10 at 502 the Peak, was remanded for seven days by Mr. Derek Cons at Central Magistrate's court this morning pending a report from the Social Welfare officer.

25-HR FLIGHT TO END TOMORROW

FIRST COMET IN NEW SERVICE
than seven years, most of it on record to the R.A.F. He joined B.O.A.C. in 1946. On the final stage of its journey from Hongkong to Tokyo, the Comet 4 will be commanded by Captain D. T. Whitlam, who is one of B.O.A.C.'s longest-serving jet pilots. In 1953 he was a member of the crew of the Comet 4 which flew the Queen Mother and Princess Margaret from London to Southern Rhodesia.

via Bangkok, Calcutta, New Delhi, Karachi, Beirut and Frankfurt is due in London before noon on Sunday. On arrival at Hongkong, the Comet 4 will be commanded by Captain K. Jenner, Captain Jenner, who is aged 38, was educated in New Zealand and served in the R.N.Z.A.F. for more

THE SUBWAY OPENS



The subway opened for business this morning.—China Mail Photo.

The new pedestrian subway built to enable ferry passengers to pass under Connaught Road and thus relieve waterfront traffic congestion, was opened this morning.

Many Kowloon residents, after using it, said that the subway did not entail "too much hardship".

The bright colour scheme won approval. The subway itself is well ventilated and there are many electric lights to augment the natural sunlight that streams through the openings at the side.

While most pedestrians used the subway, a few created the road. Extra trafficmen are, however, on duty to direct people to use the subway. Workmen are erecting railings along the kerb on both sides of this short stretch of Connaught Road to remind people of the subway crossing.

Children To Entertain At Shangri-La Ball

Chinese children in brilliant silk garments and European children in Nursery Rhyme costumes will provide the entertainment for the Shangri-La Ball in aid of the Boys and Girls Clubs Association to be held at the Hercules Bay Hotel on April 10.

The Governor and Mrs. Black are attending this charity function. Bookings for tables will be made at the Ball Committee, of the meeting held this morning.

Canton In Dock

The P. & O. liner Canton entered Tsimshui drydock this morning for a general survey and hull repairs. She will be ready for service again on April 12.

25-HR FLIGHT TO END TOMORROW

Dr. T. M. Teoh, Police Forensic Pathologist, said he performed a post-mortem examination on the deceased. He found a singular stab wound on the back. He attributed the cause of death to shock and haemorrhage from the wound.

Great Force
Dr. Teoh said that "quite considerable force must have been used to cause this wound." Mr. Justice C. W. Rees is hearing the case.

Defending the accused is Mr. Terence Shurlock, instructed by Mr. D. L. Holland-Roberts of Hastings and Co.

Det. Insp. Moss is assisting Crown Counsel.

FARMER ACCUSED OF MURDERING FOSTER FATHER

A New Territories farmer went on trial in the Criminal Session this morning accused of the murder of his foster father. The Crown alleges that Lam Kwong-choi, 45, stabbed Lam San-fat to death in a village in Taipo on November 15, following a quarrel.

Mr. A. Sanginetti, Crown Counsel, told the jury that early that morning the deceased went to dispose of some grain which he used to sell to merchants. There would be evidence, he said, that accused first quarrelled with his foster mother and then with the deceased at a bus stop in the village.

Words Exchanged

Certain words were exchanged between the accused and his foster father that morning and the accused was seen going into his own house and emerge a little later with three bottles which he threw at the deceased. One bottle struck the deceased, said Crown Counsel.

Mr. Sanginetti said that further exchanges of words took place when the accused was seen to open his coat and draw something out from underneath it.

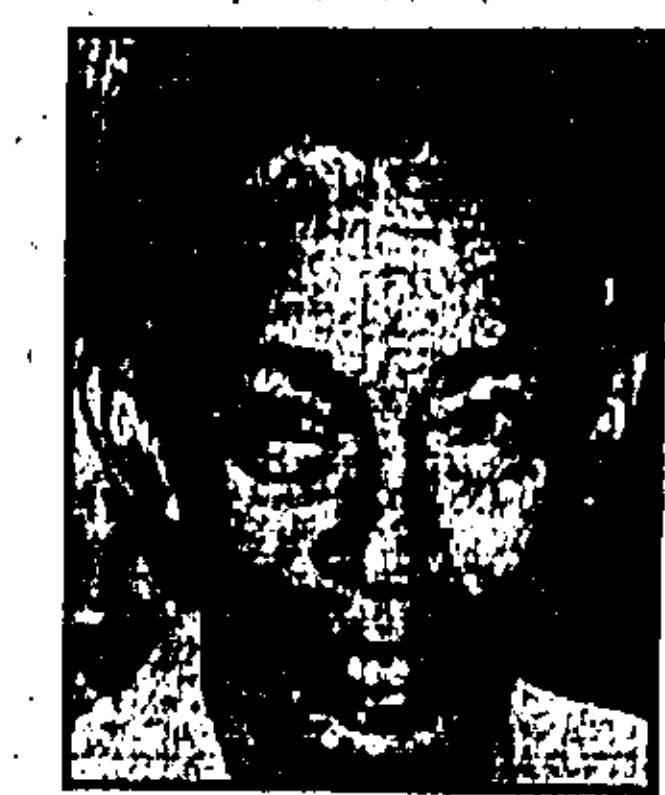
The prisoner was seen to go up to the deceased and strike the deceased on the back. The deceased uttered some words and collapsed, said Mr. Sanginetti.

The accused then fled, but was arrested about 10 days later. The Crown case was based on direct evidence, Crown Counsel said. What transpired that morning was seen not by one witness but by a number of people.

Bound Over
An unemployed youth, Loh Ting-man, 19, of 101 Bonham Strand East, ground floor, accused of posing as a policeman was ordered to be placed under two years' probation by Mr. Derek Cons at Central Magistrate's court this morning.

Sub-Inspector R. Ma said a policeman noticed a large crowd in Tai Wong Street on Wednesday. Defendant was having a dispute with another man, Yip Chung, who said defendant claimed he was a policeman and wanted to search him.

THIS 'MR PENNYPACKER' CAME FROM HONGKONG



MR CHUNG
Father of 17
By DAVID T. K. WONG

Singapore. A Hongkong-born father of 17 in Kuala Lumpur has just been chosen as Malaysia's "Mr Pennypacker." He is 65-year-old Mr. Chung Ah San. The competition to find the father with the greatest number of children was held in conjunction with the screening of the comedy film "The Remarkable Mr. Pennypacker," starring Clifton Webb.

Immediately after winning, Mr. Chung told the Press that although he had so many children, he was all in favour of family planning and birth control.

"Bringing up a big family is great fun, but feeding, clothing and educating them is a serious matter," he said.

Mr. Chung, who is the chief clerk at a tin mine, said he came from a small Hongkong family of two. He came to Malaysia as a boy.

An extension of the work of the Chinese Commercial Press is about to be undertaken with the completion of the new factory covering an area of 150,000 sq feet at North Point.

From the very small beginning 35 years ago, the concern has become the largest of its kind in China.

This Funny World
If Professor Beasley would stick more to his work, he'd be the greatest scientist of our day.

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